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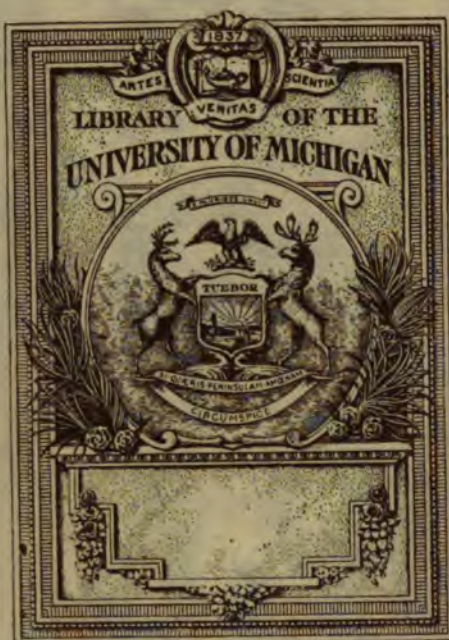
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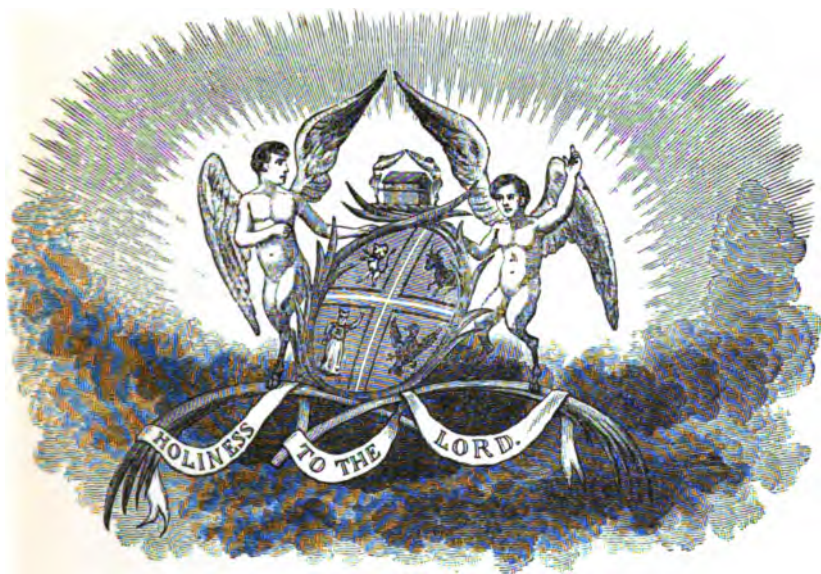
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The One Hundred and Twentieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York was opened in the Grand Lodge Room, Masonic Hall, City of New York, on the afternoon of May 7, A.D. 1901, A.L. 5901, at two o'clock.

PRESENT.

M. W.	CHARLES W. MEAD,	Grand Master.
R. W.	ELBERT CRANDALL,	Deputy Grand Master.
"	CHARLES W. CUSHMAN,	Senior Grand Warden.
"	FRANK H. ROBINSON,	Junior Grand Warden.
"	THEODORE A. TAYLOR,	Grand Treasurer.
"	EDWARD M. L. EHLERS,	Grand Secretary.

R. W.:	GEORGE R. VAN DE WATER,	} Grand Chaplains.
"	JOHN LAUBENHEIMER,	
"	WALLACE BUTTRICK,	
"	JAMES A. BECKETT,	Grand Marshal.
"	PHILIP KECK,	Grand Standard Bearer.
"	DELOS AXTELL,	Grand Sword Bearer.
"	HERBERT E. BUGDEN,	} Grand Stewards.
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"	JAMES H. ROLLINS,	Senior Grand Deacon.
"	J. WESLEY CARRICK,	Junior Grand Deacon.
"	WILLIAM H. WHITING,	Grand Lecturer.
"	ALEXANDER A. CLARK,	Grand Librarian.
"	PETER ROSS,	Grand Historian.
W.:	GEORGE M. BERRY,	Grand Pursuivant.
"	ANDREW FERGUSON,	Grand Tiler.

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Past Master prior to 1849 :

W. . JOSEPH H. HORSFALL, Poughkeepsie Lodge, No. 266.

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Victoria.....	" VALENTINE SCHNEIDER.
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A constitutional number of Lodges being present—

The Grand Lodge was opened in *Ample form*, with prayer by R. : W. : GEORGE R. VAN DE WATER, Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Lodge was visited by M. : W. : JOSEPH E. MOORE, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, and M. : W. : THOMAS W. TILDEN, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, and BRO. JAMES B. SENER, member of Fredericksburg Lodge, No. 4, A. F. and A. M., and Chairman of the Committee of Jurisprudence of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

On motion of W. : CHARLES E. ABBOTT, Master of La Fayette Lodge, No. 64, all Master Masons in regular standing were permitted to be present during this session of Grand Lodge except at such times as are prohibited by the Book of Constitutions.

The Grand Master appointed R. : W. : JAMES K. STOCKWELL to act as District Deputy Grand Master of the 25th Masonic District in place of R. : W. : CHARLES H. TREADWELL, absent from this annual session.

M. : W. : CHARLES W. MEAD, Grand Master, delivered the following address :

Brethren of the Grand Lodge :

I give you most glad and cordial greeting !

You have, for the time being, laid aside the working tools of your respective vocations and have come up to this General Assembly of Masons in our commonwealth, to consider the work of the year, to profit by its lessons, and, guided by experience and animated by a love of our Institution and a sincere desire to conserve the harmony and promote the interests of this great Craft, to lay down designs upon the Grand Lodge trestle-board for the year to come.

We meet in the midst of inspiring auspices. Nature has broken from the thralldom of her winter's sleep, and unfolding leaf and swelling bud and springing grasses attest her renewed and renewing forces. All move forward to the accomplishment of their allotted end. The unfolding leaf and the swelling bud

are but the promise of the perfected flower, flashing its beauty or exalting its fragrance for our delight, or of the ripened and mellow fruits that shall make glad the heart of the husbandman; and the waving blades of the springing grasses are but types of the sharp sickle that shall garner in the golden harvest in the day of their accomplished work. These are the gifts of the all-bounteous Author of nature, and over us all He springs the arch of the sky, filled with the vernal sunshine, or across it sends the argosies of His clouds, dropping blessings. Taught as we are by symbol, may we not in all these find the enlivening hope and the supreme purpose that the work which we shall here in our Annual Communication undertake or inaugurate may, when completed and perfected, prove a rich fruitage and an abundant harvest to the Craft?

Cheering and gratifying indeed are the condition and prospects of our Fraternity. We left this Temple one year ago in peace and concord, and in that peace and concord have we abided. We have been enriched in every form of material prosperity. While we have just cause for gratulation and rejoicing that our increase in numerical strength during the past year is without parallel in our history, I find cause for far greater rejoicing that the spirit, truly fraternal, pervades and animates the entire Fraternity. The vestal fires upon the altars of Freemasonry have been sedulously guarded and maintained, and the Craft in love and in unity have been "pursuing their labors" unvexed and undisquieted by "wars or rumors of wars," steadily going forward in the accomplishment of the objects of our Fraternity.

Grateful to Almighty God for His unnumbered blessings, let us, as becomes our profession, make devout acknowledgment in praise and thanksgiving to the Giver of every good and perfect gift for "His loving kindness and tender mercies toward us."

(Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.)

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

From this world of shadows, every day, every hour, every moment, immortal spirits wing their flight to realms beyond the

skies. From the imperial mandate of Death there is no release. All seasons are his own. All men must pass before his tribunal. He respects neither youth nor age, wealth nor power. The strong and the weak, the high and the low, the rich and the poor fall before him. As boundless as the world are his domains. Numberless as the sands upon the seashore are his victims. Relentless in his purposes, he devastates all associations of men and lays his icy fingers upon the noble, the pure, the good, and the true in all conditions of life. Since last we met he has stricken down in our numbers those ripe in years as well as those yet in the very strength of their manhood and height of their usefulness. He has robbed us of fellowships which made earth a paradise. He has made vacancies which cannot be filled. He has left us only memories, ever to be cherished, of men, our brethren, who have made the world better for their living and darker for their dying.

M. W. BENJAMIN FLAGLER, Past Grand Master, died at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York City, October 30, 1900. BRO. FLAGLER was born at Lockport, New York, December 10, 1833. In May, 1861, he enlisted in the Twenty-eighth Regiment, New York Volunteers, in which he attained the rank of Captain. Subsequently he served as Acting Assistant Adjutant-General of the First Brigade, First Division, of the First Army Corps. He was wounded in action in June, 1862. From this wound he was a constant sufferer until the time of his death. He was discharged from the army October, 1862. Thereafter he was appointed Collector of Customs at Niagara Falls, occupying that position for many years. BRO. FLAGLER was also prominently identified with the business interests of that city. He was President of the first railroad company of Niagara Falls, President of the National Bank of Niagara Falls, and First Vice-President of the Niagara Falls Power Company. Under Governors Morton and Black he held the office of Chief of Ordnance, with the rank of Brigadier-General. He became a member of Niagara Frontier Lodge, No. 132, September 7, 1864, and was its Master during the years 1867-69, 1872, and 1873; District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-fourth Masonic District, 1874-76; Junior Grand Warden, 1877, 1878; Senior Grand Warden, 1879, 1880; Deputy Grand Master, 1881, and Grand Master, 1882.

No man was better and more favorably known in the Grand Lodge of New York. He possessed a most charming personality, coupled with great strength of mind and great beauty of character. His intellectual and moral honesty, his broad and generous culture, his mental activity and vigor, his kindness of heart and loyalty to his friends, his unfailing affability and courtesy were combined with a modesty as rare as it was beautiful, and his companionship was an honor and a delight to those who were privileged to share it. His ardent patriotism, his unswerving political convictions, and his important public service made his citizenship a bright and conspicuous example to the community in which he lived.

I was unable to attend the obsequies of our Brother, and therefore telegraphed the R.: W.: CHARLES W. CUSHMAN, Senior Grand Warden, to represent me upon that occasion, and to call to his assistance such brethren as he might desire, in paying the last honors to our mutual friend. The details of the service reported to me by BRO. CUSHMAN are as follows :

"I received your telegram from Raquette Lake and also a previous one from Grand Secretary EHLERS, relative to our dearly beloved Past Grand Master FLAGLER. I carried out your instructions, attended the funeral, and will give you a detailed account of same.

"M.: W.: BRO. FLAGLER'S remains were placed in the rotunda of the International Hotel, where they lay in state for two days under the direction of the Masons and Grand Army of the Republic of Niagara Falls. BRO. ARTHUR SCHOELLKOPF, who is a member of all the Masonic bodies, opened the hotel, of which he is the owner, for this special purpose. The services took place on Friday morning at 10 o'clock; the following brethren, mostly Past District Deputies, formulated the Grand Lodge and accompanied me in our sad pilgrimage :

"R.: W.: CHARLES F. BISHOP, R.: W.: WILLIAM HENGERER, R.: W.: JOEL H. PRESCOTT, R.: W.: CHARLES F. STURM, R.: W.: JOHN C. GRAVES, and R.: W.: GEORGE C. FOX, present District Deputy, together with W.: BROTHERS HORACE A. NOBLE, EDWIN P. SEARS, DR. GEORGE L. BROWN, DR. JOSEPH FOWLER, J. NEWTON MEANS, and COL. FRANCIS G. WARD, also R.: W.: GEORGE A. NEWELL of Medina. Also R.: W.: WALTER JONES and L. H. BALDWIN, Past District Deputies of the Thirty-seventh Masonic District, and WILLIAM J. JACKMAN, present District Deputy of that District.

"Genesee Commandery and Niagara Frontier Lodge, No. 132, escorted the Grand Lodge from their rooms to the International Hotel. The Episcopal services were held at the hotel, after which a special train conveyed us all to Lockport, where carriages were taken to the cemetery, some four miles out. At the grave R. W. BRO. WALTER JONES, Past Master of Frontier Lodge, performed the burial service most impressively, after which, on behalf of yourself and the Grand Lodge, I made some remarks appropriate to the occasion. There was a detachment of the Forty-second Company, State Militia, and also members of the Niagara Post of the Grand Army of the Republic. There were three volleys fired over his grave, taps were sounded, and we left dear old BEN until the final day, when the last trump shall sound.

"I think I have covered in detail all particulars in connection with his funeral. There was a large delegation from Buffalo and surrounding cities, many prominent military men being in attendance, and the great gathering went to show the love and esteem which every one had for our dear old friend."

We who have been so long and so closely associated with him deeply deplore the loss of his valuable services, his wise counsel, and genuine friendship.

R. W. MARION GRIMES, Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Third Masonic District, died at Brooklyn, June 28, 1900. BRO. GRIMES was born at Boothbay, Maine, February 12, 1839. He came to New York in 1866, and was made a Mason in Stella Lodge, No. 485, in 1871. He subsequently became a charter member of Acanthus Lodge, No. 719, and served as its Master several years. Of a social and happy disposition, he was easily one of the best known and most popular brethren in the city of Brooklyn, and a most welcome guest at every Masonic gathering.

BRO. JOHN W. PHILIP, of Catskill Lodge, No. 468, Rear Admiral, United States Navy, died at Brooklyn, June 30, 1900. Admiral PHILIP never held official rank in our Fraternity; but he illustrated in his daily life the wealth of its teachings, and made the lessons taught him in the Lodge the criterion for his conduct and action among men. He was a God-fearing man, pure in thought, noble in purpose, high in his aspirations. With a heart as tender as a woman's, he also possessed un-

daunted courage. His admonition to the crew of his ship in the victory at Santiago, "Don't cheer, boys, the poor devils are dying," is an epitome of the nature of this distinguished sailor, whose life adorns the annals of America and graces the record of our Craft.

R. : W. : JOHN F. SHAFER, Past District Deputy Grand Master, Twelfth Masonic District, died at Albany, July 4, 1900. BRO. SHAFER at the time of his death was the Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of New York, and his obsequies took place under the direction of the Grand Commandery, the Grand Master, as a member of Templar Commandery, No. 2, of Albany, being in attendance upon the staff of Sir JAMES YOUNG, Eminent Commander. BRO. SHAFER enjoyed the confidence, respect, and esteem of his brethren, and was faithful in the discharge of every duty committed to his care.

R. : W. : EPHRAIM W. RICHARDSON, Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifth Masonic District, died at Brooklyn, July 14, 1900. BRO. RICHARDSON was a Past Master, and one of the most attentive members of Charter Oak Lodge, No. 249, during all the years that his health permitted him to be active. He was District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifth Masonic District in 1884; Senior Grand Deacon in 1885, and a Trustee of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund in 1887, 1888, and 1889. Every duty to which he was called was discharged promptly, efficiently, and conscientiously. No member of his Lodge did more to promote its welfare than he, and no officer of the Grand Lodge excelled him in loyalty and nobility of character.

R. : W. : JAMES G. JANEWAY, Commissioner of Appeals, died at New York, July 16, 1900. He was made a Mason in Holland Lodge, No. 8, June 10, 1884, and served as Master in 1889. He was District Deputy Grand Master of the Fourth Masonic District in 1889 and 1890, Commissioner of Appeals in 1891, and Chief Commissioner of Appeals in 1892, which position he held two years. In 1899 he was again appointed a Commissioner of Appeals for three years. BRO. JANEWAY was a man of great ability, an eloquent and ready speaker, and occupied a high position in the profession which he adorned. As a lawyer he was

fair and open in his transactions. As a friend he was "true as steel."

R. W. EDWIN EVANS, Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-sixth Masonic District, and Past Master of Roman Lodge, No. 223, died at Rome, August 16, 1900. DR. EVANS was stricken down in the very zenith of his usefulness. Eminent in his profession; tender, skillful, and gentle in his care of the sick; reliant and strong in fulfilling the missions of mercy which fell to his lot, his loss is irreparable to the community in which he lived.

R. W. DAVID F. DAY, Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-second Masonic District, died at Buffalo, August 21, 1900. BRO. DAY was one of the foremost men of the city in which he resided. A lawyer by profession, he stood in the front rank of the bar of western New York. He was a man of great legal acumen, unquestioned ability, and sterling character. No man in the city of Buffalo enjoyed the confidence of the community to a greater extent than this distinguished Craftsman.

R. W. JOSEPH E. CARSON, Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Third Masonic District, and Past Master of Stella Lodge, No. 485, died at Brooklyn, October 2, 1900. BRO. CARSON was a genial, lovable man, with a great, true heart, sympathetic and gentle, ever ready to serve a friend or to do a kindness to one in distress. His untimely death is regretted by a large circle of friends who appreciated his worth as a man, and whose associations with him will ever remain a pleasing memory.

R. W. THOMAS BELL, Past Master of Renovation Lodge, No. 97; Past Master of Joppa Lodge, No. 201; Past Grand Steward, and Representative of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia near the Grand Lodge of New York, died at Brooklyn, November 18, 1900. BRO. BELL for many years occupied the position of Inspector of Customs at the port of New York. During the Civil War he was among the first to offer his services to the government. He joined the cavalry arm of the service, and at the close of the war received the brevet rank of Major. Major Bell was not only a loyal soldier, but also a loyal Crafts-

man, keenly alive to the best interests of the Fraternity and ever ready to promote its welfare.

W. : ADNA A. TREAT, Past Master of Apollo Lodge, No. 13, of Troy, died at his home in Denver, Colorado, on December 9, 1900, in the one hundred and fourth year of his age. The following "In Memoriam," prepared by M. : W. : L. N. GREEN-LEAF, M. : W. : HARPER ORAHOOD, and M. : W. : E. LENEN FOSTER, Past Grand Masters and members of Denver Lodge, No. 5, was adopted by said Lodge at its communication held January 19, 1901 :

"Our venerable Brother, ADNA ADAMS TREAT, died, after a brief illness, on Sunday evening, December 9, 1900, aged 103 years, 8 months, and 1 day.

" 'Night came,
Releasing him from labor,
When a hand as from the darkness
Touched him—and he slept.'

"It had been his ardent desire that he might live to see the dawn of the twentieth century, and thus to have lived in three centuries ; but alas ! his hope was not destined to be realized. His spirit passed from earth with the closing days of the nineteenth century, with whose wonderful achievements his life had been contemporaneous.

"BRO. ADNA ADAMS TREAT was born at Hartford, Conn., April 8, 1797, his span of life thus reaching back to the time of Washington. When yet a young man, he moved to Newburgh, N. Y., and subsequently to Troy, where he engaged in mercantile business. In 1825 he was married to Miss Jane Reiley of that city. She died October 28, 1890. Of the union there were born seven children—three sons and four daughters. After many long years of business experience in New York, Ohio, and Indiana, he came to Denver, Colorado, some seventeen years ago, with his daughter, the wife of Dr. N. G. Burnham, with whom he made his home until his decease.

"His Masonic record is as follows : He was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in Apollo Lodge, No. 13, F. & A. M., Troy, N. Y., on February 21, 1823, and he has thus been a Mason for upwards of seventy-seven years.

"On December 5, 1826, he was elected W. : M. : of his Lodge. He was one of a committee appointed that year to receive the Marquis de Lafayette on the occasion of his visit to Apollo Lodge. BRO. TREAT was Master of the Lodge in 1827, during the anti-Masonic excitement, and there were many withdrawals

and a diminished attendance ; but BRO. TREAT was a firm defender of his Lodge and Masonic principles throughout that trying period, which tested the invincible courage of the institution in the days of evil reproach and bitter persecution. It is a matter of record that Apollo Lodge throughout those exciting times did more to aid the poor of the town than all the charitable institutions put together. It was a noble vindication of the beneficent purposes of Masonry.

“Throughout his long life our venerable Brother was a bright example of the just and upright Mason. During the years that he dwelt among us we had learned to love and venerate him for his exalted character. His was, indeed, a glorious life. He ‘husbanded life’s taper to its close’ to shed its kindly light upon all with whom he came in contact. His very presence was a benediction and a blessing.

“*Resolved*, That to his family and relatives we extend our sympathy in their hour of sorrow for one whose life was the crown of noble manhood and the remembrance thereof a precious legacy.

“*Resolved*, That to Apollo Lodge, No. 13, F. & A. M., of Troy, N. Y., we extend our fraternal and heartfelt sympathy for the great and irreparable loss they have sustained in the death of their oldest and most venerable member.

“*Resolved*, That this memorial be spread upon the records and copies sent to the family of the deceased and to Apollo Lodge.”

To this venerable Brother were given physical strength and mental clearness even to the portal of the tomb. A few days before his death he wrote a poem to the new century, dating it 1901. These verses are certainly a remarkable production for a man of such unusual age.

“1901.

“A century has passed and gone ;
The shining sun pursues his way ;
The winter frost is on the lawn,
And Nature seems both bright and gay.

“The birds of song are on the wing
To find a more congenial clime ;
They teach their offspring how to sing,
As their Creator has designed.

" The rocks and hills unmoved they stand,
And at their base bright waters flow ;
And they who thirst should understand,
He that creates doth live and know.

" The mind reverts to youthful days
When happy in parental home,
And oft in memory's fondest lays
We dwell with those who far did roam.

" This aged sire is on the verge,
And soon must cease this mortal strife;
Once more would he presume to urge
His friends to seek immortal life.

" The vital spark from life divine,
That lives unseen by mortal eyes,
It has a place in hearts like mine,
A heavenly flame that never dies.

" This earthly life is running long,
But kindred spirits hover near;
My faith and hope are true and strong
That peace will crown the new-born year."

R. W. : EDWARD P. CAMPBELL, Past Grand Standard Bearer, died at New York, December 13, 1900. BRO. CAMPBELL was a Past Master of Sagamore Lodge, No. 371. He held for many years the responsible position of auditor of the Erie Railway, the duties of which office he discharged with signal ability and great fidelity. He took a deep interest in the work of his Lodge, and was a constant attendant upon its communications so long as health permitted. He was a man of commanding presence and dignified bearing, and a most graceful and pleasing companion.

R. W. : MATTHEW TAYLOR, Past District Deputy Grand Master Eighth Masonic District, died at New York, January 4, 1901. BRO. TAYLOR was an Englishman by birth and a lawyer by profession. He was initiated in Veritas Lodge, No. 734, of which he subsequently became Master. Whatever his hand found to do he did well. He was noted in his profession as

competent, painstaking, and reliable. The Craft recognized him as a master workman.

R. : W. : ADOLPH G. GUTGSELL, Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Fourth Masonic District, died at New York, February 20, 1901. BRO. GUTGSELL was a Past Master of Montgomery Lodge, No. 68. Although a man of affairs in the mercantile world, he found time for much excellent and devoted service in the Craft. Quiet, modest, and retiring in his nature, he gained and maintained the respect and esteem of all with whom he came in contact, both in commercial life and among our brethren. It may be truthfully said of him that he constantly strove to help his fellow man.

R. : W. : JOHN F. BALDWIN, Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Seventh Masonic District, died at New York, March 13, 1901. BRO. BALDWIN was initiated in Chancellor Walworth Lodge, No. 271, in September, 1852, and served as its Master in 1855 and 1856. In the latter part of 1865 he assisted in organizing Evangelist Lodge, No. 600, of which he became the first Master, serving nine years, at various times, in that position. He was District Deputy Grand Master of the Seventh Masonic District in 1875 and 1876. The death of this Brother removes one of the most devoted Craftsmen in the Metropolitan District, and the Fraternity loses one of its best and truest exemplars. For many years he was a great sufferer from a disease most painful and incurable, yet he never murmured; but with Christian fortitude bore the affliction, and went about among his fellows doing good. His name has been written, "not upon granite, but upon the hearts of men."

R. : W. : GEORGE H. CLEAVES, Past District Deputy Grand Master, First Masonic District, died at Brooklyn, March 15, 1901. His remains were buried at Greenport with Masonic honors.

BRO. CLEAVES was born in Greenport, Suffolk County, June 19, 1846.

At an early age BRO. CLEAVES was attracted favorably toward

the principles of the Masonic order, and began a careful study of its history, precepts, and ritual, which he continued until few of its brotherhood could be found more thoroughly informed upon Masonry than himself.

He was raised in Peconic Lodge, No. 349, January 20, 1869, and by rapid promotion, due to his unusual qualifications, he became in 1870 Worshipful Master of the Lodge. This position he continued to hold by successive yearly elections for seven years.

In 1877 he was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for the First Masonic District, composed of the Counties of Queens and Suffolk, and in 1888 was reappointed for a second term, serving with an efficiency which won him high favor from the Fraternity throughout the district.

BRO. CLEAVES had a genial, jovial disposition, with a natural aptness for kindly, humorous, and witty observations, and easily made friends. He was beloved by a large circle of friends for his ability and sterling qualities, and had the respect and esteem of all with whom he came in contact.

R. : W. : SOLOMON STRASSER, Past Grand Steward, died at Albany, March 18, 1901. BRO. STRASSER was made a Mason in Mount Vernon Lodge, No. 3, and through regular gradation became its Master. He was appointed Grand Steward during the administration of Past Grand Master JAMES TEN EYCK, and discharged the duties of that office, as he did all duties undertaken by him, with commendable skill and fidelity. A most fitting tribute is paid to the memory of this good man by "The Argus" of March 24, 1901 :

"In the death of Solomon Strasser there has passed from the midst of men a man whose memory will long be cherished by those who knew him best as a thought of courage and good cheer. To the noble eulogies of his fraternal virtues pronounced by his Masonic brethren, there is nothing left to add ; but the personal traits of the man in his friendships, the probity and force of his character, and his fine and exceptional intellectual gifts are the theme of this brief tribute. He was a man of reticence and silence in public places; modest, simple, and quiet in his tastes, shunning all ostentation. Only those to whom he opened his heart

and friendship could estimate the rich treasure of his warm and genial nature and of his well-stored mind. He possessed a comprehensive and thorough knowledge of philosophical subjects; he was learned in the higher study of the symbolism and significance of Masonic philosophy; to his love of travel he added keen powers of observation. He was a great lover of all things beautiful in nature or in art, and those who were privileged to enjoy his friendship recall the charm of his discourse and the discrimination of his appreciation of good pictures, for he was a connoisseur in art. His nature was so abundantly philanthropic that his charities were only compassed by his means, and yet so unobtrusively did he perform good deeds that even those who knew him best knew not the extent of his giving. Not only did he give of his money, but to the friend or Brother in sickness he gave his services freely for faithful vigils. The brightest trait of his character, developed through the long and severe suffering of the last portion of his life, was his heroism in enduring pain, his serene forgetfulness of self. The bitterest agony drew forth not a word of complaint from him, and those who visited his sick room in the last days will long remember the outstretched hand of silent greeting, the firm, friendly grasp, more significant than words. To no one was his unselfish fortitude in his last illness more evident, or his desire to avoid giving trouble more gratefully expressed, than to the good hostess at whose home he passed away, surrounded by every comfort that might soothe his end. It was his desire that, as in his life he had been a man of simplicity and quiet life, his dust should be returned to mingle with the elements of nature without pomp or circumstance. So remains his noblest monument in the hearts of his friends."

R. W. DAVID KAY, Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Seventh Masonic District, died at New York, March 30, 1901. BRO. KAY was born in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1847, and raised in Scotia Lodge, No. 634, March 20, 1879, serving in the office of Master during the years 1887, 1888, and 1889.

He was a prominent figure in the Scottish community of this city, and an enthusiast in all that pertained to the social life of his countrymen. He was a thorough Scot, closely in touch with the traditions of his people, and possessing a fund of humorous and quaint stories, which he told with marked effect and timeliness. In his home life he was thoughtful, kind, and generous. Even when a young man his constant thought was how best to protect wife and children should he unexpectedly be called

hence. He did everything a man could to make his home a center of happiness. He was an honest man, and one who never judged harshly of his fellow-men. He was a zealous Mason and a true friend.

M. W. ROBERT MAXWELL SMITH, Grand Master of Masons of Arkansas. Every Brother within the sound of my voice remembers the dreadful catastrophe at Galveston, Texas, when in a single night five thousand lives were lost and a prosperous city was demolished. Thither the distinguished Grand Master of Arkansas, with his wife and four children, had gone to enjoy a season of recreation and pleasure, in the midst of which he and his household were engulfed by the remorseless waves and lost. No track or trace has been found of him, nor of those dear to him.

“ His grave is the vast, uneasy deep ;
His requiem the ocean’s moans.”

BRO. SMITH was a native of Delhi, in this State, removing to Arkansas in 1880 and locating at Hot Springs. The brethren of his jurisdiction testify that his administration was eminently harmonious and successful, fraught with much good, and replete with a zealous intellectual brilliancy which distinguished him as a student and lover of our Fraternity. They speak of his gentleness and courtesy, of his clear perception, and his strong convictions of right and justice ; of an affability that drew all men to him ; of a personal life that was upright, pure, and just, and an inspiration to his fellows. He was an ideal Mason, a most beloved Grand Master.

“ Give them the meed they have won in the past,
Give them the honors their merit forecast ;
Give them the chaplets they have won in the strife,
Give them the laurels they lost with their life ;
Cover them over with beautiful flowers,
Deck them with garlands, these Brothers of ours.”

I append a list, chronologically arranged, of the dead of our own and sister jurisdictions, and suggest that the Committee on Deceased Brethren prepare for our permanent record an expres-

sion of our appreciation of their worth and our sorrow at their loss.

And now, brethren, continuing the beautiful custom appropriately adopted a year ago, let us arise, and in respectful attention to the roll-call, to which there will come no answer, pay tribute of affectionate remembrance to our fraternal dead.

NECROLOGY.

M.: W.: NICHOLAS R. RUNKLE, Past Grand Master of Indiana, died at Indianapolis, May 4, 1900.

M.: W.: JACOB J. TODD, Past Grand Master of Indiana,
• died at Bluffton, May 15, 1900.

M.: W.: JOHN A. TUTT, Past Grand Master of California, died at Woodland, May 19, 1900.

M.: W.: W. H. GEE, Past Grand Master of Arkansas, died at Dardanelle, May 28, 1900.

R.: W.: MARION GRIMES, Past District Deputy Grand Master, Third Masonic District, died at Brooklyn, June 28, 1900.

BROTHER JOHN W. PHILIP, of Catskill Lodge, No. 468, Rear Admiral United States Navy, died at Brooklyn, June 30, 1900.

M.: W.: THOMAS TROUNCE, Past Grand Master of British Columbia, died at Victoria, June 30, 1900.

M.: W.: HARRY KEENE, Past Grand Master of Missouri, died at St. Joseph, July 2, 1900.

M.: W.: THOMAS B. LONG, Past Grand Master of Indiana, died at Terre Haute, July 2, 1900.

R.: W.: JOHN F. SHAFER, Past District Deputy Grand Master, Twelfth Masonic District, died at Albany, July 4, 1900.

- M. : W. : CARLOS B. MELTZ, Grand Master of Porto Rico, Representative of the Grand Lodge of New York, died at New York, July 6, 1900.
- M. : W. : ALANSON PARTRIDGE, Past Grand Master of Michigan, died at Birmingham, July 7, 1900.
- R. : W. : EPHRAIM W. RICHARDSON, Past District Deputy Grand Master, Fifth Masonic District, died at Brooklyn, July 14, 1900.
- R. : W. : JAMES G. JANEWAY, Commissioner of Appeals, died at New York, July 16, 1900.
- M. : W. : GEORGE H. MORGAN, Past Grand Master of Tennessee, died at Gainsboro, July 27, 1900.
- R. : W. : J. SIMPSON AFRICA, Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania, died at Huntington, August 8, 1900.
- R. : W. : EDWIN EVANS, Past District Deputy Grand Master, Twenty-sixth Masonic District, died at Rome, August 16, 1900.
- R. : W. : DAVID F. DAY, Past District Deputy Grand Master, Twenty-second Masonic District, died at Buffalo, August 21, 1900.
- R. : W. : JOHN W. LAFLIN, Grand Secretary of Wisconsin, died at Madeline Island, August 30, 1900.
- M. : W. : ROBERT M. SMITH, Grand Master of Arkansas, died at Galveston, Texas, September 8, 1900.
- M. : W. : JOHN P. SHANNON, Past Grand Master of Georgia, died at Elberton, September 16, 1900.
- R. : W. : JOSEPH E. CARSON, Past District Deputy Grand Master, Third Masonic District, died at Brooklyn, October 2, 1900.
- M. : W. : EDWIN C. BLACKMAR, Past Grand Master of Iowa, died at Burlington, October 7, 1900.

M. . W. . EDWIN L. BOWRING, Past Grand Master of Michigan, died at Grand Rapids, October 26, 1900.

M. . W. . BENJAMIN FLAGLER, Past Grand Master, died at New York, October 30, 1900.

R. . W. . JOHN W. BROWN, Past Grand Chaplain, died at New York, November 10, 1900.

R. . W. . THOMAS BELL, Representative of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, died at Brooklyn, November 18, 1900.

W. . ADNA A. TREAT, Past Master of Apollo Lodge, No. 13, died at Denver, Colorado, December 9, 1900.

R. . W. . H. CLAY ARMSTRONG, Grand Secretary of Alabama, died at Auburn, December 17, 1900.

R. . W. . EDWARD P. CAMPBELL, Past Grand Standard Bearer, died at New York, December 30, 1900.

R. . W. . MATTHEW TAYLOR, Past District Deputy Grand Master, Eighth Masonic District, died at New York, January 4, 1901.

M. . W. . JAMES A. TULLEYS, Past Grand Master of Nebraska, died at Red Cloud, January 21, 1901.

R. . W. . ADOLPH G. GUTSELL, Past District Deputy Grand Master, Fourth Masonic District, died at New York, February 20, 1901.

R. . W. . WILLIAM R. SINGLETON, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, died at Washington, February 23, 1901.

R. . W. . JOHN F. BALDWIN, Past District Deputy Grand Master, Seventh Masonic District, died at New York, March 13, 1901.

R. : W. : GEORGE H. CLEAVES, Past District Deputy Grand Master, First Masonic District, died at Brooklyn, March 15, 1901.

R. : W. : SOLOMON STRASSER, Past Grand Steward, died at Albany, March 18, 1901.

R. : W. : DAVID KAY, Past District Deputy Grand Master, Seventh Masonic District, died at New York, March 30, 1901.

DISPENSATIONS.

1900.

May 16, To various brethren to establish a Lodge at Albany.

May 16, To various brethren to establish a Lodge at Millbrook.

May 26, To M. : W. : WILLIAM A. SUTHERLAND, Past Grand Master, to constitute Eunice Lodge, No. 830, dedicate its rooms, and install its officers.

June 1, To M. : W. : WILLIAM A. SUTHERLAND, Past Grand Master, to lay the corner-stone of the new Town Hall at Victor.

June 18, To M. : W. : WILLIAM A. SUTHERLAND, Past Grand Master, to lay the corner-stone of the Public School Building at Farmer.

Sept. 19, To various brethren to establish a Lodge at Allegany.

Sept. 20, To various brethren to establish a Lodge at Lake Placid.

Oct. 11, To Piatt Lodge, No. 194, to continue work, its charter having been lost.

Oct. 22, To Tioga Lodge, No. 534, to continue work, charter having been stolen from the safe of the Master.

- Nov. 15, To Rochester Lodge, No. 660, to continue work in such secure place as may be obtained pending the rebuilding of rooms destroyed by fire.
- Nov. 27, To Maple Grove Lodge, No. 761, to continue work, charter lost by former Master.
- Dec. 8, To various brethren to establish a Lodge at Buffalo.
- Dec. 10, To Frank R. Lawrence Lodge, No. 797, to meet in such secure place as may be obtained pending the rebuilding of rooms destroyed by fire.
- Dec. 12, To Sylvan Grove Lodge, No. 275, to elect and install officers.
- Dec. 17, To Sterling Lodge, No. 817, to continue work in such secure place as may be obtained pending the selection of new rooms in place of those destroyed by fire.
- Dec. 19, To L'Union Française Lodge, No. 17, to elect and install officers.
- Dec. 24, To Churchville Lodge, No. 667, to elect and install officers.
- Dec. 27, To Lexington Lodge, No. 310, to elect and install officers.
- Dec. 27, To Franklin Lodge, No. 216, to elect and install officers.
- Dec. 27, To Monitor Lodge, No. 528, to elect and install officers.
- Dec. 28, To Ransomville Lodge, No. 551, to elect and install officers.
- Dec. 29, To Warwick Lodge, No. 544, to install officers.
- 1901.
- Jan. 2, To Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 145, to install officers.
- Jan. 5, To Riverhead Lodge, No. 645, to elect the Junior Warden.

- Jan. 5, To Pulaski Lodge, No. 415, to install officers.
Jan. 7, To Oswego Lodge, No. 127, to install officers.
Jan. 9, To Union Star Lodge, No. 320, to install officers.
Jan. 10, To Emanuel Lodge, No. 654, to install officers.
Jan. 10, To Salt Springs Lodge, No. 520, to install officers.
Jan. 11, To Henry Benner Lodge, No. 780, to install officers.
Jan. 11, To Oakland Lodge, No. 379, to install officers.
Jan. 11, To Plattsburgh Lodge, No. 828, to elect the Senior Warden.
Jan. 12, To Black Lake Lodge, No. 319, to install officers.
Jan. 18, To Montour Lodge, No. 168, to elect the Master.
Jan. 21, To Cambridge Valley Lodge, No. 481, to install the Master.

APPOINTMENTS.

1900.

- Aug. 21, R. : W. : REUBEN BATTELS, Representative of the Grand Lodge of New York near the Grand Lodge of Nevada.
Sept. 18, R. : W. : WILLIAM H. KIRKPATRICK, District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-first Masonic District, *vice* Newland, resigned.
Oct. 3, R. : W. : JOSÉ E. DENTON, Representative of the Grand Lodge of New York near the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico, *vice* Meltz, deceased.
Dec. 15, R. : W. : ROBERT L. COLDING, Representative of the Grand Lodge of New York near the Grand Lodge of Georgia, *vice* Love, deceased.

1901.

- Jan. 3, M. : W. : HENRY R. THIELSEN, Representative of the Grand Lodge of New York near the Grand Lodge of Oregon.

- April 17, R. : W. : JERRIE T. DURHAM, Commissioner of Appeals, *vice* Janeway, deceased.
- May 4, R. : W. : ZANE CETTI, Representative of the Grand Lodge of New York near the Grand Lodge of Texas, *vice* Preston, removed from that jurisdiction.

ACCREDITS.

1900.

Sept. 21, R. : W. : GEORGE W. BOSKOWITZ, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Switzerland.

Oct. 11, R. : W. : THOMAS MARCHANT, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

1901.

April 9, R. : W. : GEORGE H. TOOP, Representative of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

April 17, R. : W. : CELESTINO LOPEZ, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Peru.

CEREMONIES.

1900.

June 12, The Grand Master, assisted by R. : W. : FRED LINUS CARROLL as Deputy Grand Master, R. : W. : EDWIN BUCHMAN as Senior Grand Warden, R. : W. : CHARLES SMITH as Junior Grand Warden, R. : W. : JAMES T. HANRAHAN as Grand Secretary, R. : W. : JAMES A. BECKETT, Grand Marshal, BRO. the REV. E. T. CARROLL as Grand Chaplain, R. : W. : HERBERT E. BUGDEN, as Senior Grand Deacon, R. : W. : ALBERT C. GOODWIN as Junior Grand Deacon, R. : W. : ROBERT N. CLARK as Grand Standard Bearer; W. : JERE S. SITTERLEY as Grand Sword Bearer, W. : HARWOOD DUDLEY, W. : J. W. KIMBALL, W. : L. J. BAHYDT, BRO. ROBERT BAIRD as Grand Stewards; and W. : ANDREW FERGUSON, Grand Tiler, constituted Welcome Lodge, No. 829, at Amsterdam, and installed its officers.

July 28, The Grand Master, assisted by R.: W.: ELBERT CRANDALL, Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: JOHN W. JENKINS as Senior Grand Warden, R.: W.: CHARLES SMITH as Junior Grand Warden, R.: W.: WALTER M. HAND as Grand Treasurer, R.: W.: ALBERT C. GOODWIN as Grand Secretary, R.: W.: JOHN LAUBENHEIMER, Grand Chaplain, R.: W.: JAMES A. BECKETT, Grand Marshal, R.: W.: DOW BEEKMAN as Grand Standard Bearer, R.: W.: EMERA A. COBB, as Grand Sword Bearer, R.: W.: HERBERT E. BUGDEN as Senior Grand Deacon, R.: W.: EDWIN BUCHMAN as Junior Grand Deacon, R.: W.: ISAAC HERSCH, Grand Steward; R.: W.: CHARLES MELIUS, W.: N. P. WILLIS, W.: W. ROSE as Grand Stewards; R.: W.: WILLIAM H. WHITING, Grand Lecturer, R.: W.: ALEXANDER A. CLARK, Grand Librarian, W.: R. A. GUNNISON as Grand Pursuivant, W.: ANDREW FERGUSON, Grand Tiler; R.: W.: PHILIP HERSCHAFT, District Deputy Grand Master, Second Masonic District; R.: W.: FREDERICK L. COGGESHALL, District Deputy Grand Master, Eighteenth Masonic District; R.: W.: S. NELSON SAWYER, Chief Commissioner of Appeals; R.: W.: OSCAR F. LANE and R.: W.: ISAAC FROMME, Commissioners of Appeals, and R.: W.: GEORGE W. WHITE, Past Grand Treasurer, laid the corner-stone of the Public Building at Cooperstown.

Aug. 14, The Grand Master, assisted by R.: W.: JAMES T. HANRAHAN as Deputy Grand Master, W.: RULUFF NEEFUS as Senior Grand Warden, R.: W.: CHARLES SMITH as Junior Grand Warden, R.: W.: STEPHEN H. VAN DYCK as Grand Treasurer, R.: W.: EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary, Bro. the REV. O. D. RAMSAY as Grand Chaplain, R.: W.: JAMES A. BECKETT, Grand Marshal, W.: W. S. HALLENBECK as Grand

Standard Bearer, W.: H. A. HALLENBECK as Grand Sword Bearer; W.: JAMES SMITH, W.: E. J. BASHFORD, W.: HARRY KEITZ, W.: S. D. ZEH as Grand Stewards; R.: W.: JAMES H. ROLLINS, Senior Grand Deacon, R.: W.: HERBERT E. BUGDEN as Junior Grand Deacon, W.: GEORGE M. BERRY, Grand Pursuivant, W.: ANDREW FERGUSON, Grand Tiler, R.: W.: CHARLES S. CRISP, District Deputy Grand Master, Sixth Masonic District; R.: W.: WILLIAM L. MATHOT, District Deputy Grand Master, Tenth Masonic District; R.: W.: JOHN SALISBURY, District Deputy Grand Master, Thirteenth Masonic District; R.: W.: SANFORD W. SMITH, District Deputy Grand Master, Fourteenth Masonic District; R.: W.: WILLIAM B. VOORHEES, District Deputy Grand Master, Sixteenth Masonic District; R.: W.: JAMES M. POTTER, District Deputy Grand Master, Twentieth Masonic District, and R.: W.: ISAAC FROMME, Commissioner of Appeals, laid the corner-stone of the new County Court House at Hudson.

- Oct. 5, The Grand Master, assisted by R.: W.: CLAYTON S. SCOTT as Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: JOHN W. JENKINS as Senior Grand Warden, R.: W.: CHARLES SMITH as Junior Grand Warden, R.: W.: WALTER M. HAND as Grand Treasurer, R.: W.: DOW BEEKMAN as Grand Secretary; Bro. the REV. H. C. McDERMOTT, Bro. the REV. C. S. PENDLETON, Bro. the REV. L. L. GREENE as Grand Chaplains; R.: W.: JAMES A. BECKETT, Grand Marshal, R.: W.: ALBERT C. GOODWIN as Grand Standard Bearer, R.: W.: HERBERT E. BUGDEN, Grand Steward; R.: W.: EMERA A. COBB, R.: W.: N. H. STEVENS, R.: W.: GEORGE CHAMBERLAIN as Grand Stewards; R.: W.: WILLIAM B. VOORHEES as Senior Grand Deacon, R.: W.: J. WESLEY CARRICK, Junior Grand

Deacon, R.: W.: JAMES T. HANRAHAN as Grand Lecturer, R.: W.: EDWIN BUCHMAN as Grand Pursuivant, R.: W.: S. R. LEWIS as Grand Librarian, W.: ANDREW FERGUSON, Grand Tiler, R.: W.: GEORGE W. WHITE, Past Grand Treasurer; R.: W.: OSCAR F. LANE, Commissioner of Appeals; R.: W.: WILLIAM B. VOORHEES, District Deputy Grand Master, Sixteenth Masonic District; R.: W.: STEPHEN H. VAN DYCK, District Deputy Grand Master, Fifteenth Masonic District; R.: W.: FRED. L. COGGESHALL, District Deputy Grand Master, Eighteenth Masonic District, and R.: W.: JOHN H. SMITH, District Deputy Grand Master, Twenty-eighth Masonic District, laid the corner-stone of the Aurelia Fox Memorial Hospital, at Oneonta. This building was erected by BRO. REUBEN L. FOX as a memorial to his wife, a woman noted for her charity and good works.

- Oct. 10, The Grand Master, assisted by R.: W.: S. NELSON SAWYER as Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: JAMES W. HART as Senior Grand Warden, R.: W.: CHARLES SMITH as Junior Grand Warden, R.: W.: HENRY T. DANA as Grand Treasurer, R.: W.: CLAYTON S. SCOTT as Grand Secretary, BRO. the REV. O. M. HILTON as Grand Chaplain, R.: W.: JAMES A. BECKETT, Grand Marshal, R.: W.: GEORGE S. STUBBS as Grand Standard Bearer, R.: W.: WILLIAM O. KERR as Grand Sword Bearer, R.: W.: HERBERT E. BUGDEN, Grand Steward; W.: C. E. JEWELL, W.: J. FIERS, W.: WALTER S. SMITH, W.: W. H. FORD as Grand Stewards; R.: W.: A. P. RICH as Senior Grand Deacon, R.: W.: J. WESLEY CARRICK, Junior Grand Deacon, W.: F. H. PARKER as Grand Lecturer, W.: W. A. BARTLETT as Grand Librarian, W.: E. H. CROWNINSHIELD as Grand Pursuivant, and W.: ANDREW FERGUSON, Grand

Tiler, dedicated the new rooms of Auburn Lodge, No. 431, at Auburn.

Oct. 17, The Grand Master, assisted by R.: W.: ELBERT CRANDALL, Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: S. NELSON SAWYER as Senior Grand Warden, R.: W.: JOEL H. PRESCOTT as Junior Grand Warden, W.: ESBON B. REW as Grand Treasurer, R.: W.: MARVIN I. GREENWOOD as Grand Secretary; BRO. the REV. ALFRED BRITTON, BRO. the REV. H. YATES as Grand Chaplains; R.: W.: JAMES T. HANRAHAN as Grand Marshal, R.: W.: FREDERICK R. SMITH as Grand Standard Bearer, R.: W.: GEORGE S. STUBBS as Grand Sword Bearer; R.: W.: JEFFERSON W. HOAG, R.: W.: CHARLES H. BURT, W.: CHARLES W. BLODGETT as Grand Stewards; W.: W. L. CROTHERS as Senior Grand Deacon, R.: W.: GEORGE KENT as Junior Grand Deacon, W.: B. N. MARRIOTT as Grand Lecturer, W.: J. N. ARNOLD as Grand Pursuivant, W.: ANDREW FERGUSON, Grand Tiler; W.: E. M. ELLENWOOD, W.: HENRY STEIGER as Commissioners of Appeals; and W.: HENRY LAMBERT as Master Builder, laid the corner-stone of the Free Public Library at Newark. This building is the gift of Mr. HENRY C. REW of Chicago to the place of his birth.

Nov. 12, The Grand Master, assisted by R.: W.: ELBERT CRANDALL, Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: CHARLES W. CUSHMAN, Senior Grand Warden, R.: W.: CHARLES SMITH as Junior Grand Warden, R.: W.: THEODORE A. TAYLOR, Grand Treasurer, R.: W.: EDWARD M. L. EHLEES, Grand Secretary, R.: W.: JOHN LAUBENHEIMER, Grand Chaplain, R.: W.: JAMES A. BECKETT, Grand Marshal, R.: W.: PHILIP KECK, Grand Standard Bearer, R.: W.: ALBERT C. GOODWIN as Grand Sword Bearer, R.: W.: HERBERT E. BUGDEN,

Grand Steward; R. : W. : JOHN H. BONNINGTON, R. : W. : DANIEL E. TALCOTT, R. : W. : EDWIN BUCHMAN as Grand Stewards; R. : W. : JAMES H. ROLLINS, Senior Grand Deacon, R. : W. : JULIUS D. IRELAND as Junior Grand Deacon, R. : W. : JAMES B. MCEWAN as Grand Lecturer, R. : W. : ALEXANDER A. CLARK, Grand Librarian, R. : W. : SOLOMON STRASSER as Grand Pursuivant, W. : ANDREW FERGUSON, Grand Tiler, M. : W. : JAMES TEN EYCK, Past Grand Master, R. : W. : GEORGE W. WHITE, Past Grand Treasurer, R. : W. : ROBERT N. CLARK, District Deputy Grand Master, Nineteenth Masonic District, R. : W. : JOHN H. SMITH, District Deputy Grand Master, Twenty-eighth Masonic District; R. : W. : OSCAR F. LANE, R. : W. : ISAAC FROMME, Commissioners of Appeals; BRO. HORACE H. BROCKWAY, Trustee Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund, and BRO. WILLIAM W. SMITH of the Standing Committee, Hall and Asylum Fund, opened the Masonic Fair at Albany.

1901.

- Jan. 3, The Grand Master, assisted by R. : W. : GEORGE S. STUBBS as Deputy Grand Master, R. : W. : EDWARD M. SAWYER as Senior Grand Warden, R. : W. : FRANK H. ROBINSON, Junior Grand Warden, W. : HENRY V. L. JONES as Grand Treasurer, R. : W. : GEORGE S. SHEPPARD as Grand Secretary, R. : W. : WALLACE BUTTRICK, D.D., Grand Chaplain, R. : W. : S. NELSON SAWYER as Grand Marshal, W. : V. W. UNDERWOOD as Grand Standard Bearer, W. : JOHN S. THOMSON as Grand Sword Bearer; R. : W. : GEORGE A. BEAM, W. : AMOS A. NORMAN as Grand Stewards; W. : JOHN M. DARIEN as Senior Grand Deacon, W. : EDWARD HOPKINS as Junior Grand Deacon, and W. ANDREW FERGUSON, Grand Tiler, dedicated the new rooms of Dundee Lodge, No. 123, at Dundee.

- Jan. 8, The Grand Master, assisted by R.: W.: W. H. THOMPSON as Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: GEORGE C. FOX as Senior Grand Warden, W.: H. R. WILEY as Junior Grand Warden, W.: J. C. MASON as Grand Treasurer, BRO. S. B. BROADHEAD as Grand Secretary, BRO. JAMES G. TOWNSEND as Grand Chaplain, R.: W.: CHARLES SMITH as Grand Marshal, W.: F. B. FIELD as Grand Standard Bearer; W.: L. C. JAGGER as Grand Sword Bearer, R.: W.: C. E. SHELDON, R.: W.: JOHN B. SHAW, W.: F. B. BUSH, W.: JOSEPH WHITTAKER as Grand Stewards; W.: L. L. MASON as Senior Grand Deacon, W.: L. L. HANCHETT as Junior Grand Deacon, W.: A. HAZELTINE as Grand Lecturer, W.: JAMES R. KIMBALL as Grand Librarian, and W.: ANDREW FERGUSON, Grand Tiler, dedicated the new rooms of Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 145, at Jamestown.
- Jan. 30, The Grand Master, assisted by R.: W.: EDWIN BUCHMAN as Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: EDWARD P. NEWCOMB as Senior Grand Warden, R.: W.: CHARLES SMITH as Junior Grand Warden, R.: W.: FRANK A. HOTCHKISS as Grand Treasurer, R.: W.: R. C. KELLOGG as Grand Secretary, R.: W.: JOHN LAUBENHEIMER, Grand Chaplain, R.: W.: HERBERT E. BUGDEN as Grand Marshal, W.: JOHN J. HYDE as Grand Standard Bearer; W.: JOHN J. GREELEY as Grand Sword Bearer, W.: L. W. BRATT, W.: WILLIAM M. GRADY as Grand Stewards; W.: L. B. MCFARREN as Senior Grand Deacon, W.: H. B. VAN DERBILT as Junior Grand Deacon, W.: JAMES E. POND as Grand Lecturer, W.: R. L. HEMINGWAY as Grand Librarian, and W. ANDREW FERGUSON, Grand Tiler, dedicated the new rooms of Rescue Lodge, No. 772, at Crown Point.
- Feb. 7, The Grand Master, accompanied by R.: W.: ELBERT CRANDALL, Deputy Grand Master; R.:

W.: THEODORE A. TAYLOR, Grand Treasurer;
 R.: W.: WALLACE BUTTRICK, Grand Chaplain;
 M.: W.: WILLIAM A. SUTHERLAND, Past Grand
 Master; R.: W.: OSCAR F. LANE, Commissioner
 of Appeals; R.: W.: JAMES H. ROLLINS, Senior
 Grand Deacon; R.: W.: J. WESLEY CARRICK,
 Junior Grand Deacon; R.: W.: WILLIAM H.
 WHITING, Grand Lecturer; R.: W.: ALEXANDER
 A. CLARK, Grand Librarian; R.: W.: FRANK E.
 HAFF, R.: W.: PHILIP HEERSCHAFT, R.: W.:
 WILLIAM E. WILKINSON, R. W. JOHN SALISBURY,
 R.: W.: STRATTON S. KNOX, R.: W.: FRED L.
 COGGESHALL, R.: W.: EDWIN HUGHES, R.: W.:
 GEORGE S. STUBBS, District Deputy Grand Masters;
 R.: W.: CHARLES W. DRAKE, R.: W.: FREDERICK
 P. MORRIS, R.: W.: BYRON J. STROUGH, BRO.
 HORACE H. BROCKWAY, Trustees of the Masonic
 Hall and Asylum Fund; BRO. FREDERIC C.
 WAGNER, R.: W.: CLAYTON S. SCOTT, R.: W.:
 JOHN C. THOMPSON, R.: W.: DOW BEEKMAN,
 R.: W.: EDWARD P. NEWCOMB, Standing Com-
 mittee on Hall and Asylum Fund; R.: W.:
 FREDERICK J. MILLIGAN, Past Grand Sword
 Bearer; R.: W.: CHARLES SMITH, Past District
 Deputy Grand Master; W.: MARTIN B. COHN,
 Past Master of Adelphi Lodge, No. 23; and W.:
 ROMAIN LOUCKS, Master of Lafargeville Lodge,
 No. 171, made an official visit to the Masonic
 Home at Utica.

NEW LODGES.

Dispensations have been issued for the establishment of five
 new Lodges, viz.:

James Ten Eyck, at Albany;
 Halcyon, at Millbrook;
 Adoniram, at Allegany;
 Lake Placid, at Lake Placid, and
 Highland at Buffalo.

Before issuing these dispensations it was proven to my entire satisfaction in each case that the best interests of the Craft demanded favorable action upon the several petitions. I was fully convinced that the erection of these Lodges would not to any degree affect the prosperity or materially lessen the membership of Lodges already established, and that the territory which the new Lodges occupy is amply sufficient in extent and number of inhabitants to give more than reasonable assurance of their future prosperity.

The several dispensations have been returned, all requirements of the Constitution have been complied with, and I heartily recommend that a charter issue to each Lodge.

FOREIGN RELATIONS.

Our relations with sister Grand Lodges continue of the most cordial and fraternal nature. No incident has arisen during the year in our relations with any of them which requires special mention. The interchange of courtesies arising from requests for waivers of jurisdiction passing from our Grand Lodge to other Grand Lodges, and from them to us, has been characterized by a fraternal spirit and a sincere desire to promote harmony and brotherly love.

Our status with the Grand Lodge of Washington remains unchanged. We indulged the hope that at its last Annual Communication it would take such action in the restoration of its edict of non-intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, and recall of the objectionable resolutions relating to the subject of Masonry among the negroes in America, as should evidence its full recognition of the territorial sovereignty of the Grand Lodges; but our hope was in vain. In view of the attitude of the Grand Lodge of Washington toward the Grand Lodge of New York, I cordially recommend that full authority be given to the incoming Grand Master to take such action as he may deem necessary in respect thereto, or in respect to any action that may in the future be taken by that Grand Body in this matter.

An application has been received from the Grand Lodge of Western Australia for the establishment of fraternal relations.

In the communication from that Grand Body is stated the fact that it has been recognized as a Sovereign Independent Body of Craft Masonry in Western Australia by the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, and Tasmania. It is apparent that all the Lodges located in Western Australia have not joined in the formation of this Grand Body, because in the application the fact is stated that a majority only of all the duly constituted Lodges in that colony joined in the establishment of that Grand Lodge. It would perhaps be well for the Committee on Jurisprudence to take into consideration the question whether or not under this condition the Grand Lodge of Western Australia is supreme in that territory.

An application has also been received from the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica for recognition by this Grand Body. The Grand Lodge of Costa Rica accompanies its application with a copy of its printed Book of Constitutions in English.

As the result of a correspondence with the Grand National Lodge of Germany and with the Grand Lodge Royal York, these Grand Lodges in a most courteous and fraternal manner suggest that closer relations be established between them and the Grand Lodge of New York by the interchange of representatives.

A communication has been received from the Grand Master of Denmark announcing the fact that the Grand Lodge of Hamburg has established a subordinate Lodge in the city of Copenhagen. The Grand Master of Denmark, upon being advised of this invasion of the territory of that Grand Lodge, promptly recalled the appointment of its representative near the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, and dismissed the representative of that Grand Body near the Grand Lodge of Denmark. I am also advised that the Grand Lodge of Norway and the Grand Lodge of Sweden, upon learning of this act of Masonic piracy, severed all relations with the Grand Lodge of Hamburg.

It is, of course, impossible for us to take any action in the matter, because the edict heretofore issued severing all Masonic intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Hamburg is still in force,

and will undoubtedly so remain until it recalls the charter of the Lodge established by it in this city, which is still in existence, and until it acknowledges the supreme authority of the Grand Lodge of New York over the territory it occupies.

A communication has been received from an organization styling itself Regional .∴ Grand .∴ Lodge with headquarters at Philadelphia, Pa. This organization was perfected on June 24, 1896, by four Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Orient of Spain. These Lodges are located as follows :

Christopher Columbus Lodge, No. 188, Philadelphia.

Pilgrim Lodge, No. 189, Allentown.

Abraham Lincoln Lodge, No. 210, Philadelphia.

St. John's Lodge, No. 213, Weisport.

My object in calling your attention to this Body, and designating its Lodges by name and number, is to warn our Craft that these Lodges are clandestine and spurious, and that any person claiming membership therein is not entitled to recognition as a Mason.

THE PATRONESS OF FREEMASONRY.

The death of Queen Victoria came to the Fraternity of Freemasons, wherever dispersed, almost as a personal bereavement.

On the 2d of February, 1901, I caused a cablegram to be transmitted to M.∴ W.∴ J. WIMBURN LAURIE, Representative of our Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of England, requesting him to fraternally convey to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the M.∴ W.∴ Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, the profound sympathy of the Craft of the State of New York in his bereavement in the death of England's most gracious Queen, and stated that formal action would be taken by the Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication in May. The following letter of acknowledgment has been received :

"UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND,
"FREEMASONS' HALL, GREAT QUEEN ST., LONDON, W. C.
"March 1, 1901.

"*Dear Sir and M.∴ W.∴ Grand Master :*

"I have received the commands of the King to ask you to be so kind as to convey to the members of the Craft in New York

his Majesty's grateful thanks for their kind and fraternal expression of sympathy with him in his great sorrow.

"I have the honor to be,

"Dear Sir and M. . W. . Grand Master,

"Yours fraternally,

"E. LETCHWORTH,

"Grand Secretary.

"M. . W. . BRO. CHARLES W. MEAD,

"Grand Master, New York."

Without further comment the matter is presented to you for such action as you shall be pleased to take.

STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL.

From the Grand Secretary's report we learn that we bear upon the roll of the Grand Lodge seven hundred and fifty Lodges, with an aggregate membership, December 31, 1900, of 106,235 in good standing, a net gain of 4,687 members during the year, an unprecedented annual increase; that the Grand Secretary has received for the year ending December 31, 1900, the sum of \$82,915.70, and has paid the same to the Grand Treasurer, an increase over the receipts of the previous year of \$4,846.18.

From the Grand Treasurer's report you will note he has disbursed for the year ending April 15, 1901, the sum of \$80,144.20, leaving a balance in the treasury of the Grand Lodge of \$54,274.72 on that date.

The report of the Trustees of the Permanent Fund shows an increase in that fund of \$13,376.50, which now amounts in the aggregate to the sum of \$103,690.90.

From the report of the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund it appears that the balance in the General Fund, March 31, 1901, was \$9,885.44 as against a balance in that fund at the last report of \$9,799.42; and that the Reserve Fund has been increased by interest and bequests in the sum of \$9,946.38, and amounts in the aggregate to the sum of \$215,022.43.

GALVESTON.

When the cry of distress came to us from our brethren in Galveston, Texas, who were in want and in destitution from the ravages of the remorseless sea, whose homes had been swept away,

and to whom in many instances bereavement had come in the death of some member of their family, I felt confident that the brethren of this great jurisdiction would feel it not only their duty but a pleasure to make generous response for their relief, and I issued a circular letter to the Fraternity, of which the following is a copy :

"GRAND LODGE, F. & A. M.,

"OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

"ALBANY, September 15, 1900.

"To the Master, Wardens, and Brethren of each Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the State of New York.

"BRETHREN: Among the sufferers by the recent cyclone which devastated the city of Galveston were included members of the two Lodges located at that place. R. W. CALVIN W. PRESTON, our Representative near the Grand Lodge of Texas, himself a resident at Galveston, telegraphs that these brethren need our immediate assistance.

"I therefore hasten to request that the several Lodges make such contributions as to them shall seem proper to relieve the necessities of our unfortunate brethren, victims of this awful calamity.

"Contributions may be sent to R. W. THEODORE A. TAYLOR, Grand Treasurer, 615 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., who will acknowledge receipt and forward to the proper Masonic authorities for the relief of the brethren in distress.

"Fraternally yours,

"CHARLES W. MEAD,

"Grand Master.

"By the Grand Master,

"EDWARD M. L. EHLERS,

"Grand Secretary."

The response from the Lodges of this State was prompt and liberal, and in a short space of time the Grand Treasurer had received and transmitted to R. W. CALVIN W. PRESTON, the Representative of the Grand Lodge of New York near the Grand Lodge of Texas, himself a resident of the city of Galveston, and a sufferer by the destruction of his home, the sum of \$10,274.08.

The Grand Treasurer will doubtless present to you a detailed statement of the amount contributed by Lodges and individuals.

I have received from the Masonic Relief Committee of Gal-

veston the following expression of their appreciation of your generous aid :

" Be it Resolved, By the Masonic Relief Committee of Galveston, that our thanks are tendered to the Grand Lodge and Masons of New York for their generous and timely donations for the benefit of those Masons and families of Galveston who were sufferers from the disastrous storm of September 8, 1900. The contributions were worthy of the great State of New York and its generous-minded Masons, who have never failed to respond to the cry of distress or the wail of the widow and orphan. They have illustrated the highest type of Masonic character, and their charity has descended upon the stricken Craftsmen of this city 'like the gentle dew from heaven.' We assure our brethren of New York that their kindness will ever be held in grateful remembrance, while the tears of their beneficiaries are like those 'which the stars weep, sweet with joy.'

" The thanks of this Committee are also tendered to R. : W. : CALVIN W. PRESTON, Representative of the Grand Lodge of New York near the Grand Lodge of Texas, through whose hands the donations have been received. He has acted with this Committee since the day after the storm, and we have derived much aid from his practical charity and benevolent justice in distributing funds where they would do the most good. The Chairman and Secretary are instructed to officially sign this resolution, and to hand the same to R. : W. : BRO. PRESTON for transmission to the Grand Lodge of New York.

" GUS LEVY,

Chairman, M. R. C.

" CHARLES F. NEILL,

" Secretary-Treasurer, M. R. C."

WORK AND LECTURES.

Conventions for the exemplification of the work have been held by the Grand Lecturer, R. : W. : WILLIAM H. WHITING, during the year, in each District of the jurisdiction.

The report of the Grand Lecturer will doubtless show, as the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters show, that the interest in these conventions and attendance upon them by those for whose special benefit they are intended are increasing, and the desire on the part of the officers of the Lodges to become thoroughly proficient in the standard work continues unabated.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters bear

excellent witness to the zeal and fidelity of the Grand Lecturer in imparting the established work, and to his unfailing courtesy and kindness.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

My grateful acknowledgments are due and are hereby expressed to my home Lodge, Temple, No. 14, and to W. : ALFRED A. GUTHRIE, Master, and the brethren for the generous and fraternal reception tendered me in June last. I shall ever recall with most pleasurable recollection, the cordial greetings of the two thousand and more of my brethren of the Seventeenth Masonic District who gathered there at the time.

To my brethren of the Craftsman's Club for their complimentary dinner tendered me in December last ; to BRO. FREDERIC C. WAGNER, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund, for his complimentary dinner tendered me in April last ; to the Aurora Grata Masonic Club of Brooklyn for their complimentary dinner tendered me in December last ; to the brethren of Binghamton Lodge, No. 177 ; Empire City Lodge, No. 206 ; and National Lodge, No. 209, where I was their guest at the celebration of their respective semi-centennial anniversaries ; to the Masters and Past Masters' Association of the Sixth and Seventh Masonic Districts, and to the Masters and brethren wherever I have gone in the discharge of official duties or in visitation, for the multiplied evidences of fraternal good-will and esteem, my thankful appreciation is here recorded.

THE HOME—ITS TRUSTEES AND SUPERINTENDENT.

Your attention is invited to the report of the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund. It is a clean-cut, explicit, business statement of the affairs in the keeping of these clear-headed business men. You will note that the addition to the children's building, ordered by you at the last annual communication, is being erected and will soon be ready for occupancy.

A careful consideration of their report and those of their predecessors leads me to the conclusion that our present accommodations and arrangements for the care of adults in our Home

will very likely be sufficient to meet the demands made upon us so long as the present prescribed rules for the admission of adult inmates are maintained. These rules have now been in force for some time. They are the product of the experience of the Trustees so framed as to meet the just requirements of the Fraternity, excluding none who ought to be the objects of our care. Whether the addition to the children's home, now in process of erection, shall be adequate to meet the requirements, the future only can determine. Certain it is, however, that whatever the emergency be, the Craftsmen will perform their duty.

The grateful thanks of the Fraternity are due to these devoted brethren, giving their time unstintedly to the discharge of the duties of the important trust committed to them, bringing to the administration of their charge a just appreciation of the confidence which the Craft reposed in them, and of the responsibilities of their station, and the ripeness and maturity of judgment, the keen business acumen, and that breadth of executive ability which characterize the successful man of affairs.

THE HOME.

Nothing is wanting in the superb superintendence of M. W. B. BRO. ANTHONY. The highest expectations and desires of the brethren have been realized, and it is what the world regards it, a model Home. While our M. W. Brother enjoys high distinction for his Masonic erudition, and his scholarly accomplishments as the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, his greatest achievement, and that which will be an enduring monument, is his work in the Home.

The heart of the whole Craft went out to him in tenderest sympathy, when the darkness of the greatest bereavement that can come to a man fell upon him in the death of his most estimable wife.

It has been the custom for some years for the Grand Lodge officers to make their annual visit to the Home in the month of October. The death of Mrs. Anthony made it desirable that the visit in October this year should be postponed. The Grand

Secretary, at my request, prepared an announcement to the officers and permanent members of the Grand Lodge of the postponement of the visit, and I here give it as a beautiful tribute to the worth and memory of Mrs. Anthony and her work in the Home :

GRAND LODGE, F. AND A. M.,
OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK.
ALBANY, N. Y., October 15, 1900.

To the Officers and Permanent Members of the Grand Lodge.

BRETHREN : The announcement is sorrowfully made of the death of Mrs. Jesse B. Anthony, matron of our Home at Utica, on Friday, the 28th day of September, 1900.

Words cannot adequately express the loss we have sustained, nor measure our appreciation of her services in connection with the Home from its opening until "the finger of death touched her." Mrs. Anthony was peculiarly adapted to assume the grave responsibilities of her office, and her selection at the outset to assist in the organization of the Home was indeed providential. She brought to the discharge of these duties a ripe experience in other charitable fields, and possessing executive abilities of a high order, coupled with education, culture, and a kindly, sympathetic nature, her success in the work at our Home was assured at its very commencement. To the old people she was a well-trying staff upon which to lean, even at the rolling of death's dark river, and to the orphan children the embodiment of all that is true and good in woman. Old and young looked up to her for counsel and advice. All realize that they have lost a friend, whose single object was to bring light and gladness, joy and happiness, to the wards of the fraternity.

As a mark of respect to the memory of Mrs. Anthony, the usual annual inspection of the Home by the Grand Master and the Officers of the Grand Lodge, which has of late years been made in the month of October, is postponed.

Fraternally yours,

CHARLES W. MEAD,

Grand Master.

By the Grand Master,

EDWARD M. L. EHLERS,

Grand Secretary.

GERMAN MASONIC TEMPLE ASSOCIATION.

Our brethren of the Ninth Masonic District are entitled to very great credit in carrying forward the splendid work of maintaining their Temple on East Fifteenth Street, and their Masonic Home at Tappan. The Association is free from debt, and each year is adding to its usefulness to the Fraternity.

COMMITTEE ON ANTIQUITIES.

R. W. WILLIAM H. ANDREWS, Chairman of the Committee on Antiquities, and his faithful associates have been unremitting in their devotion to the department of work assigned to them, and have made substantial additions to the exhibits of interest to antiquarians.

GRAND LIBRARIAN.

The report of R. W. ALEXANDER A. CLARK, Grand Librarian, which will be submitted to you, and the work in which he is engaged, should be of interest to every Masonic student. It presents a summary of the year, both statistical and financial, the evidences of his zeal and interest in the work of putting our Grand Lodge Library in the best condition to meet the wants of those who may desire to avail themselves of its advantages.

The work which is being done by R. W. BRO. CLARK is wholly a labor of love on his part, and his reward will be found in the commendation bestowed upon him by those who use the library, and who will find its usefulness and their convenience greatly served by the system which he has inaugurated.

GRAND HISTORIAN.

By an amendment to the Constitution adopted at the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge and confirmed by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Lodges within this jurisdiction, and thereafter duly promulgated by the Grand Master, the Grand Historian was made an officer of the Grand Lodge. The report of R. W. PETER ROSS, the Grand Historian, which will be submitted to you, is deserving of your careful attention, and I believe will prove of interest to you.

He is a zealous and indefatigable student in the domain of history, and he has recently written to me, making a suggestion which receives my very cordial endorsement. It is to the effect that the Grand Lodge recommend to each Lodge in our jurisdiction the appointment of a Lodge Historian, and the Grand Historian very pertinently remarks that, "with a chain of such local Historians working in harmony with the Historian of the Grand Lodge, much good might be accomplished."

The zeal of the Grand Historian should command the aid of all our Lodges in the execution of his work.

ASSOCIATE OFFICERS.

What words can I speak that shall measurably express my grateful appreciation of their devoted and unselfish loyalty? Words, mere words, can never give coinage to the wealth of that appreciation or that gratitude which will abide with me so long as life shall last.

No matter how severe the tasks imposed upon the District Deputy Grand Masters and the Staff officers, and some have been heavy and grievous indeed, they have performed those tasks with such willingness, and such devotion, as not only evidenced their loyalty to duty and to the Fraternity, but it seemed to me to so evince a sincere desire to lessen the burdens of the Grand Master, that I have come to look upon them all as my personal helpers.

The year has been one of labor, with an ever-abiding sense of responsibility, but a year of pleasure also. The labors have been lightened and the responsibilities made less a burden by the constant, unselfish, and generous aid of the R. : W. : ELBERT CRANDALL, Deputy Grand Master; the R. : W. : THEODORE A. TAYLOR, Grand Treasurer, and the R. : W. : EDW. M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary. The constitutional authority of the Grand Master to call upon the Deputy Grand Master has been freely exercised, and the Deputy Grand Master has responded to all my requests with such a spirit of willingness, and such full measure of fraternal aid, as make me greatly his acknowledged debtor.

More than the mere tributes which spring from the sense of gratitude are due at this time, it seems to me, to R. : W. : BRO. EHLERS.

For twenty years he has gone in and out before the brethren of this jurisdiction as the Secretary of the Grand Lodge. But his discharge of the duties of that station, onerous and exacting as they are, and performed by him as they have been, with an efficiency, devotion, and fidelity that earned and received the unreserved commendation of every Grand Master during that period, utterly fails to measure his full service to the Fraternity.

The occasion does not permit me to dilate upon the character or extent of that service, nor do I deem it necessary. It is not for me to suggest what shall be done; but I urge that you plant some tree or set some stone to mark the twentieth year of the devoted service of this large-brained man, this large-hearted Mason.

If the names of some whose aid and advice the Grand Master has sought, and which have been given to him so freely, so unselfishly, so disinterestedly, and so uninfluenced by any other motive than to aid the Grand Master in his sincere and controlling purpose to serve the interests of the Craft, are not here mentioned, I beg that they will not deem me ungrateful. May I ask them to accept as their reward my assurances that their confirmation was his strong staff of support in his endeavor to do that which he believed to be right?

Brethren: The work of the Grand Lodge is at your hand. I bespeak for the legislation which you may enact, the exercise of a just, calm, broad, and dispassionate judgment, and for all that we may do, the true, fraternal spirit of Freemasonry.

GRAND LODGE, F. & A. M.,

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

EDICT.

ALBANY, N. Y., September 1, 1900.

To the Master, Wardens, and Brethren of every Lodge in the State of New York:

BRETHREN: *Whereas*, At the One Hundred and Nineteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, held on the first, second, and third days of May, A.D. 1900, A.L. 5900, certain amendments were proposed to Sections 5, 10, 37 (Subdivisions

5 and 6), 47, 48, 78 (Subdivision 8) and 94 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge (as appears at page 498, Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, 1900), and which said proposed amendments were respectively adopted so far as could be lawfully done at that Communication, and,

Whereas, The said several amendments have, since such adoption, been submitted to the several Lodges within this State, and each has been adopted by the affirmative vote of a majority of said Lodges, as duly certified to me by their proper officers under their seals respectively :

Now, *Therefore*, I, CHARLES W. MEAD, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, desiring to give effect to the same pursuant to authority in me vested, do hereby promulgate the aforesaid action, and declare that the said amendments have in all respects been duly adopted, and that the same are a part of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge from and after the date of this Edict.

By virtue of the said amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, Article I., Sections 5 and 10 ; Article V., Section 37 (Subdivisions 5 and 6) ; Article VII., Sections 47 and 48 ; Article XI., Section 78 (Subdivision 8) and Article XV., Section 94, thereof are, from the date of this Edict, respectively, in the following words, that is to say :

ARTICLE I.

SECTION 5. The following officers, namely : A District Deputy Grand Master for each Masonic District, three Grand Chaplains, Grand Marshal, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Sword Bearer, four Grand Stewards, Senior Grand Deacon, Junior Grand Deacon, Grand Lecturer, Grand Librarian, Grand Historian, Grand Pursuivant, and Grand Tiler, shall be appointed by the Grand Master at the annual communication, or within thirty days after the close thereof, to hold office during his pleasure, or until their successors are appointed.

SECTION 10. The Metropolitan District shall be composed of the Counties of Suffolk, Queens, Nassau, Kings, Richmond, New York, and Westchester.

When the Grand Master shall be chosen from the Metropolitan District, the Deputy Grand Master shall be chosen from some other portion of the State ; and when the Grand Master shall be chosen from any portion of the State other than the

Metropolitan District, the Deputy Grand Master shall be chosen from that District. The Senior Grand Warden and the Junior Grand Warden shall be chosen from some part of the State other than the Metropolitan District. The Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary shall be chosen from the Metropolitan District. A residence of four months immediately preceding such election shall be required to comply with this section.

ARTICLE V.

SECTION 37, SUBDIVISIONS 5 AND 6.

5. To prepare on blanks, to be furnished by the Grand Secretary, a statement in tabular form of the condition of each Lodge in his District for the year ending on the 31st day of December, and transmit such report to the Grand Secretary on or before the 15th day of April, to be by him laid before the Grand Lodge.

6. To prepare a report for the year ending on the first day of April, on the general condition of Masonry in his District, and of his acts therein, with such particulars as he may deem necessary, including the names and numbers of the Lodges in his District not visited by him, together with the reasons therefor, and transmit such report to the Grand Master on or before the 15th day of April.

ARTICLE VII.

SECTION 47. The Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Lecturer, Grand Pursuivant, and Grand Tiler, shall each receive such stated compensation for his services as the Grand Lodge shall direct, which compensation shall be fixed before said officers or any of them are elected or appointed, and shall not be altered at any time so as to affect the incumbent in office. In the computation of time relative to salaries of said officers, the year shall be considered as commencing on the first day of May, and such salaries shall be payable in equal monthly installments on the last day of each calendar month, except the month of April, when salaries shall be paid on the fifteenth.

SECTION 48. The representative from each Lodge shall be entitled to receive mileage, at the rate of three cents per mile, for traveling to and returning from Grand Lodge, to be computed on the number of miles from the place of meeting of the Lodge to the City of New York, as the distance may be determined by the Grand Lodge, and also five dollars for each day's attendance at the Grand Lodge. No representative shall receive more than the amount of the dues paid by the Lodge he represents, provided, however, that a representative shall be entitled

to draw pay against two years' Grand Lodge dues paid by his Lodge, if the Lodge was not represented the preceding year, and he shall be entitled to draw against three years' Grand Lodge dues paid by his Lodge, if the Lodge was not represented in the two preceding years.

ARTICLE XI.

SECTION 78, SUBDIVISION 8.

8. To make a full and correct return annually to the District Deputy Grand Master of the condition of the Lodge on the thirty-first day of December, in the form prescribed by the Grand Lodge, to be transmitted on or before the fifth day of April.

ARTICLE XV.

SECTION 94. All dispensations to form new Lodges shall expire on the fifteenth day of April in each year.

It is my order that this Edict be read in every Lodge at its next stated communication and spread in full upon the minutes.

Witness my hand and private seal this first day of September, 1900.

[SEAL] CHARLES W. MEAD,
Grand Master.

By the Grand Master,

EDWARD M. L. EHLERS,
Grand Secretary.

R. W. ELBERT CRANDALL, Deputy Grand Master, in the Chair.

On motion of W. JAMES H. MITCHELL, Master of Cohoes Lodge, No. 116, the Grand Master's Address was referred to a special committee of three for subdivision and reference. W. JAMES H. MITCHELL, Master of Cohoes Lodge, No. 116; W. VALENTINE SCHEIDELL, Master of Callicoon Lodge, No. 521; and W. WILLIAM J. DEANS, Master of Palmyra Lodge, No. 248, were appointed such committee.

The Grand Master resumed the chair.

On motion, R. W. JOHN H. CUNNINGHAM, Representative of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia; R. W. GEORGE A. BENTON, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine; R. W. JOEL H. PRESCOTT, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Michigan; R. W. THOMAS E. STEWART, Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire; R. W. J. MORRIS WARD, Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey; R. W. CHARLES F. LAIGHTON, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Norway, and R. W. EDWIN KNOWLES, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, were excused from attendance at this session of the Grand Lodge.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

R. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary, presented the following report, which was received and ordered printed in the Proceedings:

To the Grand Lodge:

There has been received by the Grand Secretary for the year ending December 31, 1900:

From fees and dues of Lodges.....	\$81,283 75
“ Certificates and Diplomas.....	783 00
“ sale of Monitors.....	112 50
“ sale of Proceedings.....	35 20
“ sale of Histories.....	6 00
“ Dues of Members of defunct Lodges.....	118 45
“ Funds of late Charlotte River Lodge, No. 593.	36 80
“ Dispensations	500 00
“ Charters	40 00
Total	\$82,915 70
Paid to the Grand Treasurer.....	\$82,915 70

A printed statement of receipts and disbursements, prepared for your examination and scrutiny, will be distributed at the close of this session.

There has also been received on account of the quotas of Lodges upon the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund indebtedness :

From Union Lodge, No. 95.....	\$35 00
“ Mexico Lodge, No. 136.....	9 00
“ Walworth Lodge, No. 254.....	3 50
“ Cuba Lodge, No. 306.....	39 00
“ Jefferson Lodge, No. 332.....	47 00
“ Widow's Son Lodge, No. 335.....	22 00
“ Salem Lodge, No. 391.....	6 50
“ Cambridge Valley Lodge, No. 481.....	2 50
“ Hannibal Lodge, No. 550.....	19 50
“ Hillsdale Lodge, No. 612.....	22 50
“ Peacock Lodge, No. 696.....	16 50
Total	\$223 00
Paid to the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund	\$223 00

Since the last session of the Grand Lodge, twelve Lodges have become exempt from the further payment of the fifty cents per annum required by Subdivision 9, Section 43, of the Book of Constitutions, making the total number that have become exempt 689, and leaving 24 that are still required to pay the said tax.

Number of Lodges in this Jurisdiction.....	750
“ “ Lodges that have made returns....	750
“ “ Lodges that have paid dues to date. 749	
“ “ Master Masons at date of last report....	101,548
“ initiated	7,506
“ passed	7,497
“ raised	7,521
“ affiliated	1,011
“ restored	1,200
Total	111,280
Number unaffiliated.....	1,961
“ died	1,800
“ dimitted	979
“ dropped	286
“ expelled	19—5,045

Number of Master Masons December 31, 1900.....106,235

The dispensations for the erection of James Ten Eyck Lodge at Albany, Halcyon Lodge at Millbrook, Adoniram Lodge at Allegany, Lake Placid Lodge at Lake Placid, and Highland Lodge at Buffalo, have been returned to the Grand Secretary, and said Lodges have fully complied with the requirements of the Book of Constitutions.

In submitting to the Grand Lodge this, my twentieth annual report, I

cannot resist a retrospect of the past and note the marvelous changes that have taken place in two short decades.

There were upon the rolls of the Grand Lodge in good standing at the date of the first report I had the honor to submit, 69,702.

Initiated since that time.....	93,493
Passed " " "	92,586
Raised " " "	92,607
Affiliated " " "	17,732
Restored " " "	20,034
Total	200,075
Unaffiliated since that time.....	46,172
Died " " "	24,552
Dimitted " " "	17,813
Dropped " " "	4,877
Expelled " " "	428
Total	93,840

Number of Master Masons December 31, 1900.....106,235

Showing a net gain in twenty years of 36,533.

The change in our financial condition is equally astounding.

Twenty years ago the Grand Lodge had a debt of \$604,686.03. During that time it has expended for the erection, betterment, and maintenance of the Home at Utica the sum of \$718,936.05. To-day it has a balance invested in bond and mortgage and deposited in trust companies and banks of the sum of \$384,887.49. In addition it has discharged every obligation of benevolence at home and abroad in unstinted measure.

Fraternally submitted,

EDWARD M. L. EHLERS,
Grand Secretary.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

R. W. THEODORE A. TAYLOR, Grand Treasurer, presented the following report, which was received and ordered printed in the Proceedings :

To the Grand Lodge:

I herewith submit a statement of the Receipts and Expenditures from the date of the last report.

RECEIPTS.

Balance per last report.....	\$51,021 01
Received from Grand Secretary:	
For certificates, diplomas, etc.....	\$1,631 95
For Grand Lodge fees and dues.....	81,283 75— 82,915 70
Interest on balances:	
January 1, 1900, to December 1, 1900....	482 21
Forward	\$134,418 92

Brought forward.....\$134,418 92

EXPENDITURES.

Representatives to Grand Lodge.....	\$20,564 99	
Trustees, Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund.	23,470 50	
Trustees of Permanent Fund for Investment	10,000 00	
Salaries:		
E. M. L. Ehlers, Grand Secretary.....	4,800 00	
Wm. H. Whiting, Grand Lecturer.....	2,400 00	
George M. Berry, Grand Pursuivant.....	300 00	
Andrew Ferguson, Grand Tiler.....	300 00	
Clerk hire, Grand Secretary.....	2,700 00	
Clerk hire, Grand Treasurer.....	300 00	
Appropriation to Grand Master, Expenses 1900-1901	500 00	
Appropriation to Grand Master for Emergencies, 1900-1901.....	500 00	
Appropriation to Grand Master for Clerk hire, 1900-1901.....	300 00	
Appropriation to Grand Secretary for emergencies, 1900-1901.....	500 00	
Appropriation to Grand Lodge of Canada for sufferers by Hull and Ottawa fire	2,000 00	
Appropriation to Grand Librarian.....	1,000 00	
Appropriation to charitable purposes....	630 00	
Appropriation to Committee on Foreign Correspondence and Translations...	600 00	
Appropriation to Grand Lecturer for traveling expenses.....	600 00	
Appropriation for dues to General Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada.....	400 00	
Appropriation to refund to Fayette Lodge, No. 539, over-payment Grand Lodge dues	58 66	
Appropriation to refund to Aquila Lodge, No. 700, over-payment Grand Lodge dues	43 83	
Appropriation to Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund for rent of late Enterprise Lodge, No. 228.....	195 00	
Appropriation to Organist, Grand Lodge, 1900	35 00	
Appropriation for vocal music, Grand Lodge, 1900.....	25 00	
Appropriation for decorations, Grand Lodge, 1900.....	25 00	
Carried forward.....	\$72,247 98	\$134,418 92

Brought forward.....	\$72,247 98	—\$134,418 92
Advance Reports to Grand Lodge, printing, binding, and mailing Proceedings, 1900.	4,451 72	
Books of Constitution.....	176 25	
Parchment Master Mason Certificates....	250 00	
Leather tucks for Mason Certificates....	100 80	
Printing and mailing Annual Returns....	210 50	
Engraving portraits, Proceedings, 1900..	342 50	
Parchment appointment blanks.....	283 75	
Appropriation to Committee on Spanish War	79 99	
Grand Master's Apron for M. W. CHAS. W. MEAD.....	50 00	
Expenses of Standing Committee of Hall and Asylum Fund.....	83 82	
Clerk hire, Committee on Pay of Representatives	15 00	
Filing boxes.....	28 81	
Grand Lodge Register.....	29 00	
Washing and mending gloves and aprons, traveling expenses, and extra services of Grand Pursuivant and Grand Tiler	126 97	
Jewel cases and repairing same.....	51 00	
Printing and stationery for Grand Master.	77 50	
Printing, stationery, postage, internal revenue stamps, etc., for Grand Secretary	1,328 91	
Printing, stationery, postage, internal revenue stamps, etc., for Grand Treasurer	41 22	
Expenses of Grand Treasurer in handling Galveston Relief Fund.....	16 03	
Revenue stamps for warrants of Representatives to Grand Lodge, 1900....	17 00	
Cablegram to Grand Lodge of England...	13 28	
Expenses of C. P. O'Brien, Trial Commission	23 19	
Expenses of J. G. Derflinger, Trial Commission	25 00	
Expenses of C. Hoffman, Jr., Trial Commission	76 00	— 80,144 20
Balance, April 26, 1901.....		\$54,274 72

ON DEPOSIT.

In Trust Company of America.....	\$49,419 00
In Garfield National Bank.....	4,855 72
	<u>\$54,274 72</u>

As provided by the Constitution, on January 16, 1901, I transferred to the Trustees of the Permanent Fund, for investment, the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), after satisfying myself that the surplus in my possession would be ample for the necessary expenses of the Grand Lodge.

I have the honor to further report that in response to the appeal of the Grand Master, issued under date of September 15, 1900, requesting contributions to relieve the necessities of our unfortunate brethren and their families at Galveston, Tex., I have received the sum of ten thousand two hundred and seventy-four dollars and eight cents (\$10,274.08).

This amount was duly forwarded to the Representative of the Grand Lodge of New York near the Grand Lodge of Texas, R. W. CALVIN W. PRESTON, and by him duly acknowledged; a voucher for this amount as well as a list of the donors being appended hereto.

THE GALVESTON RELIEF FUND.

The following contributions were received by the Grand Treasurer in response to the appeal issued by M. W. Charles W. Mead, Grand Master, for the relief of the sufferers by the Galveston disaster, September 8th, and were forwarded to R. W. Calvin W. Preston, Representative of the Grand Lodge of New York near the Grand Lodge of Texas.

Mr. Herbert Wadsworth (not a Mason), Gene- seo, N. Y., through M. W. William A. Brodie	\$500 00	Orion, No. 717.....	\$25 00
Lodge of Antiquity, No. 11	25 00	Yew Tree, No. 461.....	10 00
Stony Point, No. 313....	25 00	Architect, No. 519.....	50 00
Bro. Charles Lowen, of Knickerbocker Lodge, No. 642.....	10 00	Corner Stone, No. 367..	25 00
Stuyvesant, No. 745....	25 00	Forest, No. 166.....	15 00
W. W. R. Denham, of Excelsior, No. 195....	25 00	Walkill, No. 627.....	5 00
Kings County, No. 511..	25 00	Schoharie Valley, No. 491	5 00
Republic, No. 690.....	25 00	Phœbus, No. 82.....	10 00
Dirigo, No. 30.....	40 00	Mosaic, No. 418.....	10 00
Cosmopolitan, No. 585..	25 00	Mount Hope, No. 280..	12 00
Delta, No. 451.....	5 00	Harlem Valley, No. 827.	10 00
Acanthus, No. 719.....	50 00	Eureka, No. 243.....	25 00
Lexington, No. 310....	20 00	Triune, No. 782.....	10 00
Lily, No. 342.....	10 00	United States, No. 207..	50 00
Darcy, No. 187.....	25 00	St. John's, No. 22.....	5 00
Anglo-Saxon, No. 137...	50 00	Sagamore, No. 371.....	50 00
Park, No. 516.....	50 00	Wawarsing, No. 582....	5 00
Valley, No. 109.....	50 00	Yonnondio, No. 163.....	100 00
Mohawk Valley, No. 276.	10 00	Stissing, No. 615.....	20 00
Seneca River, No. 160....	5 00	Hudson River, No. 607..	25 00
Beethoven, No. 661.....	25 00	Dolgeville, No. 796....	5 00
Amenia, No. 672.....	25 00	Hill Grove, No. 540.....	25 00
Sapphire, No. 678.....	10 00	Morning Sun, No. 142..	3 00
Pythagoras, No. 86.....	10 00	Lewis, No. 104.....	5 00
Concord, No. 50.....	25 00	Mount Moriah, No. 145..	25 00
		Sylvan, No. 41.....	10 00
		Fortitude, No. 19.....	25 00
		Philanthropic, No. 164..	3 00
		Piatt, No. 194.....	10 00
		O-At-Ka, No. 759.....	25 00
		White Plains, No. 473..	25 00
		Courtlandt, No. 34.....	10 00

John D. Willard, No. 250	\$10 00	Gloversville, No. 429....	\$25 00
York, No. 197.....	50 00	St. Albans, No. 56.....	25 00
Greenwood, No. 569....	20 00	Zschokke, No. 202.....	25 00
Wamponamon, No. 437..	10 00	Sanctorum, No. 747....	10 00
Phoenix, No. 58.....	5 00	Catskill, No. 468.....	10 00
Walton, No. 559.....	5 00	Atlas, No. 816.....	10 00
Cyrus, No. 208.....	20 00	Susquehanna, No. 187...	5 00
Phoenix, No. 96.....	10 00	Naphthali, No. 752.....	5 00
St. Andrew's, No. 289...	5 00	Port Byron, No. 130....	5 00
Jefferson, No. 332.....	30 00	Bunting, No. 655.....	25 00
Adonai, No. 78.....	5 00	Tonawanda, No. 247....	5 00
Skaneateles, No. 522....	10 00	Allegany, No. 225.....	10 00
St. Patrick's, No. 4.....	25 00	Frontier City, No. 422..	10 00
Sconododa, No. 814.....	15 00	Queen City, No. 358....	100 00
Western Star, No. 15...	10 00	Avon Springs, No. 570..	10 00
Ridgewood, No. 710....	25 00	Ivy, No. 397.....	25 00
Delhi, No. 439.....	15 00	Rising Sun, No. 103....	5 00
Marsh, No. 188.....	25 00	Butternuts, No. 515....	10 00
Acacian, No. 705.....	10 00	Long Island, No. 382...	25 00
Sutherland, No. 826....	25 00	Harlem, No. 457.....	50 00
Auburn, No. 431.....	25 00	La Clemente Amitié Cos-	
Matinecock, No. 806....	20 00	mopolite, No. 410.....	25 00
Farmerville, No. 183...	5 00	Fidelity, No. 51.....	25 00
Eastern Light, No. 126..	5 00	Girard, No. 631.....	10 00
Glen' Cove, No. 580....	25 00	Mariners', No. 67.....	25 00
Cuba, No. 306.....	5 00	Bro. C. F. Brooks, Mon-	
Elk, No. 577.....	5 00	tauk, No. 286.....	10 00
Solomons, No. 196.....	25 00	Mizpah, No. 738.....	25 00
Aurora, No. 383.....	5 00	Pyramid, No. 490.....	50 00
Pulaski, No. 415.....	5 00	Prince of Orange, No. 16	10 00
Tompkins, No. 471.....	50 00	Constellation, No. 404..	5 00
Hermann, No. 268.....	50 00	Caroline, No. 681.....	10 00
George Washington, No.		Olympia, No. 808.....	25 00
285.....	25 00	Evans, No. 261.....	10 00
Star of Bethlehem, No.		Irondequoit, No. 301....	10 00
322.....	10 00	Eastern Star, No. 227...	10 00
Montauk, No. 286.....	25 00	Ulster, No. 193.....	10 00
Hope, No. 244.....	300 00	Bedford, No. 574.....	25 00
Ancient City, No. 452...	25 00	Rising Light, No. 637...	10 00
Binghamton, No. 177...	10 00	Suffolk, No. 60.....	10 00
Lincoln, No. 748.....	10 00	Noah, No. 754.....	5 00
Reliance, No. 776.....	50 00	Hamilton, No. 79.....	20 00
Olive, No. 575.....	5 00	Star, No. 670.....	5 00
R. W. Phil. Herrschaft,		Philipstown, No. 236....	20 00
D. D. G. M. Second		Hiram, No. 449.....	10 00
District.....	10 00	Melrose, No. 818.....	10 00
Oroton, No. 368.....	25 00	Hampton, No. 347.....	5 00
Watertown, No. 49.....	25 00	Genesee Falls, No. 507..	100 00
High Falls, No. 428....	10 00	Globe, No. 588.....	25 00
Livonia, No. 778.....	5 00	Otseningo, No. 435.....	10 00

Ivanhoe, No. 610.....	\$10 00	Groton, No. 496.....	\$5 00
Lafayette, No. 64.....	25 00	Antwerp, No. 226.....	25 00
Olive Branch, No. 39...	10 00	Beacon Light, No. 701..	7 15
Salt Springs, No. 520...	25 00	Normal, No. 523.....	10 00
Von Mensch, No. 765...	10 00	Knickerbocker, No. 642.	15 00
Lebanon, No. 191.....	10 00	Constitution, No. 241...	15 00
Zeredatha, No. 483.....	25 00	Portville, No. 579.....	10 00
Cornucopia, No. 563....	10 00	Rev. Willard P. Harman	2 00
Trinity, No. 12.....	10 00	Baltic, No. 284.....	25 00
Pacific, No. 233.....	25 00	Diamond, No. 555.....	10 00
Gramercy, No. 537.....	25 00	Jamaica, No. 546.....	25 00
Evergreen, No. 363.....	5 00	Euclid, No. 656.....	25 00
Morton, No. 63.....	10 00	Harmony, No. 199.....	25 00
Sandy Hill, No. 372....	25 00	Socrates, No. 595.....	10 00
Ark, No. 33.....	25 00	Silver, No. 757.....	10 00
Fraternal, No. 625.....	20 00	Warren, No. 147.....	5 00
Clinton, No. 140.....	5 00	Tecumseh, No. 487.....	25 00
Working, No. 554.....	10 00	Benevolent, No. 28.....	25 00
La Fargeville, No. 171..	10 00	Tyrian, No. 618.....	10 00
Oswegatchie, No. 687...	10 00	Middleburgh, No. 663...	5 00
Cato, No. 141.....	5 00	Naval, No. 69.....	25 00
Warrensburg, No. 425..	15 00	St. George's, No. 6.....	25 00
Central, No. 361.....	10 00	Palmyra, No. 248.....	10 00
Navigator, No. 232.....	25 00	Clinton, No. 453.....	20 00
Minerva, No. 792.....	25 00	Herder, No. 698.....	10 00
Rondout, No. 343.....	25 00	Wadsworth, No. 417....	32 75
Blazing Star, No. 694...	5 00	Tahawus, No. 790.....	10 00
Greenbush, No. 337.....	25 00	Henry Renner, No. 780..	5 00
New York, No. 330.....	150 00	Anchor, No. 729.....	10 00
Liberty, No. 510.....	5 00	Wieland, No. 714.....	50 00
Teutonia, No. 617.....	25 00	Centennial, No. 763....	50 00
Acacia, No. 327.....	10 00	United Brothers, No. 356	25 00
Summit, No. 219.....	5 00	Ocean, No. 156.....	25 00
Putnam, No. 338.....	6 00	Ransomville, No. 551...	2 00
Afton, No. 360.....	10 00	Depauville, No. 688....	5 00
Pentalpha, No. 744.....	10 00	Greenpoint, No. 403....	50 00
South Side, No. 493.....	25 00	St. John's, No. 1.....	50 00
De Molay, No. 498.....	25 00	Newburgh, No. 309.....	25 00
Lockport, No. 73.....	5 00	Mamario, No. 653.....	5 00
Hartland, No. 218.....	3 75	Hobasco, No. 716.....	15 00
Webster, No. 538.....	5 00	Schodack Union, No. 87.	5 00
Shekomoko, No. 458....	25 00	Continental, No. 287....	25 00
Little Falls, No. 181....	10 00	Covenant, No. 758.....	25 00
Huguenot, No. 381.....	25 00	Sharon Springs, No. 624	10 00
Excelsior, No. 195.....	10 00	Golden Rule, No. 770...	10 00
Empire City, No. 206...	25 00	Kennyetto, No. 599.....	5 00
Utica, No. 47.....	10 00	Concordia, No. 143.....	25 00
Attica, No. 462.....	5 00	Alexandria, No. 297....	10 00
Garibaldi, No. 542.....	25 00	Stella, No. 485.....	75 00
Sauquoit, No. 150.....	2 00	Emanuel, No. 654.....	25 00

Uhland, No. 735.....	\$25 00	James M. Austin, No. 557	\$5 00
Corinthian, No. 488....	25 00	Commonwealth, No. 409.	100 00
Otsego, No. 138.....	17 40	Solon, No. 771.....	25 00
Harmonie, No. 690.....	5 00	Germania, No. 182.....	10 00
Rising Star, No. 450....	50 00	Strict Observance, No. 94	10 00
Jerusalem Temple, No.		Washington, No. 21....	25 00
721.	10 00	Roman, No. 223.....	10 00
Red Jacket, 646.....	10 00	Sandy Creek, No. 564...	5 00
Delaware, No. 561.....	5 00	Richmond, No. 68.....	10 00
Templar, No. 203.....	25 00	Mount Zion, No. 311....	10 00
Ezel, No. 732.....	10 00	Round Hill, No. 533....	10 00
Evening Star, No. 75...	10 00	Manhattan, No. 62.....	10 00
Upper Lisle, No. 388...	10 00	Bethany, No. 821.....	5 00
Steuben, No. 112.....	10 00	Orient, No. 238.....	10 00
Aurora Grata, No. 756..	25 00	Scotia, No. 634.....	25 00
Peconic, No. 349.....	10 00	Allemania, No. 740.....	25 00
Klopstock, No. 760....	50 00	Holland, No. 8.....	50 00
Remsen, No. 677.....	10 00	Meridian, No. 691.....	15 00
Newark Valley, No. 614.	10 00	Modestia, No. 340.....	20 00
Evening Star, No. 44..	10 00	Marble, No. 702.....	5 00
Germania, No. 722.....	25 00	Tuscan, No. 704.....	25 00
Avoca, No. 673.....	5 00	Brooklyn, No. 288.....	10 00
St. Paul's, No. 124....	50 00	Joppa, No. 201.....	25 00
Metropolitan, No. 273..	10 00	Crystal Wave, No. 638..	25 00
Sanger, No. 129.....	10 00	Livingston, No. 657....	25 00
Niagara River, No. 785.	25 00	Puritan, No. 339.....	25 00
Macedonia, No. 258....	25 00	Washington, No. 85....	10 00
Sylvan Grove, No. 275..	20 00	Milnor, No. 139.....	14 50
Oxford, No. 175.....	6 00	Canandaigua, No. 294...	10 00
Italia, No. 786.....	25 00	Riverhead, No. 645.....	10 00
Greenwich, No. 467....	25 00	Fessler, No. 576.....	10 00
Clyde, No. 341.....	10 00	Cobleskill, No. 394.....	10 00
Mystic Tie, No. 272....	10 00	Vienna, No. 440.....	2 00
Washington, No. 240....	50 00	Brasher, No. 541.....	5 00
Day Star, No. 798.....	15 00	Adelphic, No. 348.....	25 00
Jephtha, No. 494.....	10 00	Alcyone, No. 695.....	42 00
King Solomon's, No. 279	25 00	Cambridge Valley, No.	
Hebron, No. 813.....	10 00	481	5 00
Nassau, No. 536.....	10 00	Olean, No. 252.....	10 00
Sidney, No. 801.....	5 00	Star of Hope, No. 430...	25 00
Lansing, No. 774.....	5 00	Waverly, No. 407.....	10 00
Ontario, No. 376.....	11 50	Corinthian Temple, No.	
Cautious, No. 726.....	5 00	805.	23 25
Massapequa, No. 822....	25 00	Monroe, No. 173.....	5 00
German Pilgrim, No. 179	10 00	Niagara, No. 375.....	10 00
Alma, No. 728.....	50 00	Poughkeepsie, No. 266..	10 00
Bro. Thomas J. Henry,		Jerusalem, No. 355.....	5 00
of Alma, No. 728.....	5 00	Franklin, No. 216.....	25 00
Hyatt, No. 205.....	50 00	Fort Brewerton, No. 256	5 00
Franklinville, No. 626...	2 00	Mexico, No. 136.....	5 00

Amicable, No. 664.....	\$10 00	Bethel, No. 733.....	\$25 00
Cazenovia, No. 616.....	5 00	Mt. Vernon, No. 8.....	10 00
Cambridge, No. 662.....	15 00	Phoenix, No. 115.....	10 00
Syracuse, No. 501.....	100 00	Fellowship, No. 749....	1 00
Advance, No. 635.....	5 00	Liverpool, No. 525.....	5 00
Adytum, No. 640.....	25 00	Erie, No. 161.....	25 00
Oneonta, No. 466.....	10 00	Henrietta, No. 528.....	10 00
Whiteface Mt., No. 789..	25 00	Montezuma, No. 176....	5 00
Babylon, No. 798.....	10 00	Weedsport, No. 385.....	10 00
Kedron, No. 803.....	25 00	Arcade, No. 419.....	5 00
Star of Cuba, No. 742..	25 00	Bro. O. W. Guldemeister,	
Crescent, No. 402.....	200 00	of Concord Lodge, No.	
Manahatta, No. 489.....	10 00	50	1 00
German Union, No. 54..	10 00	Americus, No. 535.....	25 00
St. Lawrence, No. 111..	10 00	Aeonian, No. 679.....	5 00
Fish House, No. 298....	5 00	Cortlandville, No. 470..	10 00
Mt. Tabor, No. 807.....	5 00	L'Union Française, No.	
St. Cecile, No. 568.....	50 00	17.	25 00
Ohio, No. 779.....	5 00	Anthon, No. 769.....	25 00
Roome, No. 746.....	25 00	Guttenberg, No. 737....	10 00
Ogdensburg, No. 128....	10 00	Depew, No. 823.....	5 00
Russell, No. 566.....	10 00	Montgomery, No. 504...	5 00
Mt. Defiance, No. 794...	10 00	Tioga, No. 534.....	2 00
Western Union, No. 146.	5 00	Mt. Morris, No. 122....	10 00
Hornellsville, No. 331...	10 00	Henry Clay, No. 277....	25 00
Maimonides, No. 743....	25 00	Geneseo, No. 214.....	12 00
Kilwinning, No. 825....	10 00	Fairport, No. 476.....	5 00
Cassia, No. 445.....	25 00	Wappingers, No. 671...	7 00
Merchants', No. 709....	25 00	Island City, No. 586....	25 00
Morrisville, No. 658....	3 00	Frank B. Lawrence, No.	
Scriba, No. 414.....	2 00	797	18 00
Columbia, No. 98.....	3 00	Oakland, No. 379.....	20 00
Altair, No. 601.....	25 00	Westbrook, No. 333.....	10 00
Home, No. 398.....	5 00	Union Star, No. 320....	5 00
Independent, No. 185....	10 00	Lessing, No. 608.....	25 00
Pelham, No. 712.....	15 00	Nepperhan, No. 736....	25 00
Uriel, No. 809.....	3 00	Albion, No. 26.....	10 00
Scipio, No. 110.....	2 00	Hiawatha, No. 434.....	10 00
Oswego, No. 127.....	5 00	Rising Sun, No. 234....	5 00
Sylvan, No. 303.....	25 00	Chemung Valley, No. 350	3 03
Oneida, No. 270.....	5 00	Victor, No. 680.....	5 00
Carthage, No. 158.....	10 00	Doric, No. 280.....	25 00
Tabernacle, No. 598....	25 00	Pocahontas, No. 211....	10 00
City, No. 408.....	10 00	West Star, No. 413.....	2 00
Palestine, No. 204.....	25 00	Gavel, No. 703.....	25 00
Copernicus, No. 545....	124 00	Worth, No. 210.....	5 00
King Solomon's Primi-		Sunny Side, No. 731....	10 00
tive, No. 91.....	10 00	Charter Oak, No. 249..	25 00
Morning Star, No. 65...	10 00	Baron Steuben, No.	
Monitor, No. 528.....	25 00	264	1 00

Independent Royal Arch, No. 2.....	\$25 00	Faxton, No. 697.....	\$5 00
Huguenot, No. 46.....	10 00	Cayuga, No. 221.....	5 00
Olive Branch, No. 40....	5 00	Clayton, No. 296.....	5 00
Massini, No. 824.....	25 00	Dunkirk, No. 767.....	10 00
Central Square, No. 622	6 25	Boonville, No. 165.....	5 00
Herkimer, No. 423.....	5 00	Living Stone, No. 255..	5 00
Warwick, No. 544.....	5 00	Urbana, No. 459.....	10 00
Ancient, No. 724.....	25 00	Welcome, No. 829.....	10 00
North Star, No. 107....	5 00	Senate, No. 458.....	5 00
Aquila, No. 700.....	5 00	Ashlar, No. 584.....	2 75
Franklin, No. 447.....	15 00	Clinton, No. 155.....	10 00
Glens Falls, No. 121....	25 00	Veritas, No. 734.....	22 00
John Hancock, No. 70..	25 00	Mistletoe, No. 647.....	25 00
Atlantic, No. 178.....	25 00	Callimachus, No. 369...	10 00
Schiller, No. 304.....	10 00	Granville, No. 55.....	5 00
Chancellor Walworth, No. 271.....	200 00	Apollo, No. 13.....	10 00
Gilboa, No. 630.....	2 00	Central City, No. 305...	100 00
Cherry Valley, No. 334..	5 00	Goethe, No. 629.....	10 00
Cataract, No. 295.....	10 00	Justice, No. 753.....	10 00
Schenevus Valley, No. 592	10 00	Adirondack, No. 602....	10 00
Downsville, No. 464....	2 00	Kane, No. 454.....	161 00
Montgomery, No. 68....	25 00	Guiding Star, No. 565...	25 00
Widow's Son, No. 335...	5 00	Wadsworth, No. 417 (second subscription).	4 00
Randolph, No. 359.....	10 00	Dover, No. 666.....	10 00
Union, No. 114.....	5 00	Salem Town, No. 326...	5 00
Charity, No. 727.....	25 00	Fort Plain, No. 433.....	5 00
Radiant, No. 739.....	25 00	Sherburne, No. 444.....	2 00
Lotus, No. 31.....	10 00	Polar Star, No. 245....	100 00
Batavia, No. 475.....	10 00	Van Renasselaer, No. 400	5 00
Ark, No. 48.....	5 00	Amboy, No. 650.....	10 00
Adelphi, No. 23.....	25 00	Mount Nebo, No. 257..	50 00
Cattaraugus, No. 239...	10 00	Richfield Springs, No. 482	10 00
Marion, No. 278.....	10 50	Thermopylae at Mara- thon, No. 438.....	1 00
Ilion, No. 591.....	10 00	Frontier, No. 517.....	6 00
Horseheads, No. 364....	5 00	Argyle, No. 567.....	5 00
Humboldt, No. 512.....	20 00	Mount Moriah, No. 27..	5 00
Berean, No. 811.....	5 00	De Peyster, No. 573....	5 00
Munn, No. 190.....	25 00	Tienuderrah, No. 605...	5 00
Akron, No. 527.....	5 00	Manual, No. 636.....	25 00
Rochester, No. 660.....	25 00	Kane, No. 454 (second subscription).	8 00
Renovation, No. 97....	10 00	North Bangor, No. 556..	2 00
Shakespeare, No. 760...	25 00	Mongaup, No. 816.....	5 75
Old Oak, No. 253.....	3 00		
Apawamis, No. 800.....	5 00		
			\$10,274 08

Fraternally submitted,

THEODORE A. TAYLOR,
Grand Treasurer.

The following cablegram from R. W. ALBERT J. KRÜGER, Representative of the Grand Lodge of New York near the Grand Lodge of Belgium, was read :

ANTWERP, Belgium, May 7, 1901.

EDWARD M. L. EHLERS,
Masonic Hall, New York.

Fraternal greetings. Heartiest wishes.

KRÜGER.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE PERMANENT FUND.

R. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, from the Trustees of the Permanent Fund, presented the following report, which was received and ordered printed in the Proceedings :

To the Grand Lodge:

The Trustees of the Permanent Fund beg to present the following report:

Balance per last report to Grand Lodge.....	\$90,314 40
Received from the Grand Treasurer.....	10,000 00
Received for interest on deposits.....	731 50
Received for interest upon loans on bond and mortgage	2,645 00

Total\$103,690 90

Placed as follows:

Loaned on Bond and Mortgage.....	\$85,000 00
On deposit in Union Trust Company.....	8,402 87
On deposit in City Trust Company.....	10,288 23—\$103,690 90

The mortgages and the vouchers for the deposits in the Union Trust Company and the City Trust Company are in the custody of the Grand Treasurer, as required by the Book of Constitutions.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES W. MEAD,	} Trustees.
ELBERT CRANDALL,	
CHARLES W. CUSHMAN,	
FRANK H. ROBINSON,	
EDWARD M. L. EHLERS,	

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE MASONIC HALL AND ASYLUM FUND.

R. W. CHARLES W. DRAKE, from the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund, presented the following report,

which was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund :

To the Grand Lodge :

The Trustees submit herewith, as required by the act of incorporation, a detailed report of their operations for the year ending March 31, 1901.

Upon adjournment of the Grand Lodge the Board organized by electing :

R. W. CHARLES W. DRAKE.....*President.*

BRO. HORACE H. BROCKWAY.....*Treasurer.*

BRO. NOBLE F. MARTIN.....*Secretary.*

The Standing Committees were appointed as follows :

On Home : BRO. NOBLE F. MARTIN, R. W. BYRON J. STROUGH and R. W. CHARLES W. DRAKE.

On Hall : R. W. FREDERICK P. MORRIS, BRO. HORACE H. BROCKWAY and R. W. CHARLES W. DRAKE.

The Trustees have been regular in their attendance at the monthly meetings, and the affairs entrusted to them have been carefully administered.

Attention is invited to the appended report of the Treasurer of the Board and to the interesting details of its financial transactions.

GENERAL FUND.

Balance in General Fund at last Communication..... \$9,799 42

Receipts during the year :

From rent.....\$61,817 67

From Grand Lodge fees..... 23,605 00

From Miscellaneous sources..... 1,473 40— 86,896 07

Total..... \$96,195 49

Disbursements :

For Home account.....\$61,997 59

For Hall account..... 21,610 54

For General account..... 2,701 92— 86,810 05

Leaving balance in General Fund..... \$9,885 44

Of which there is in the Superintendent's hands.\$6,321 60

And in the Garfield National Bank..... 3,663 84— \$9,885 44

RESERVE FUND.

Balance in Reserve Fund at last report..... \$205,076 05

Receipts from interest.... 8,208 06

Account of bequest Bro. Robert Woodcock..... 1,738 82

Present total of reserve fund..... \$215,022 48

Of this amount \$190,000 is invested in bonds and mortgages, \$3,681.34 in house and lot 109 Clinton Avenue, Brooklyn, bequeathed by Bro. Robert Woodcock, and valued at \$5,000; and the balance, \$21,341.09, is deposited in the Union Trust Company of New York, bearing three per cent. interest.

The extension of the dining-room wing at the Home was completed in

May last, and payment made of the balance due thereon, as shown in the last report.

The new driveway and paths in front of the main building have been practically completed, and considerable redressing of the main roads within the grounds has been accomplished.

As the result of the sinking of additional wells, we are now obtaining from our own sources of supply about 80 per cent. of the water consumed, except during the summer. This will not only prove an economical measure, but insures us against possible failure of the public supply.

Asphalt pavement on a portion of the Bleeker Street front, ordered by the Utica city authorities, has been completed at an assessment of \$1,395, payable upon confirmation by the Common Council.

Pursuant to resolution adopted at the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, your Board is proceeding with the addition to the children's building.

Contracts have been let to the lowest of several responsible bidders; and the work, commenced this spring, will be pushed to completion under the immediate supervision of the architect who served us most excellently in the addition to the dining-room, Bro. G. Edward Cooper, of Utica.

The day school has been successfully maintained, with a steady improvement in the results.

Two of our boys are attending the Utica Academy, making excellent records.

The oldest of the girls is in attendance at a commercial business college, equipping herself for practical work.

There appears to be a healthy increase in the work of the children's department, and we are anticipating with satisfaction the completion of the addition to their building.

Masonic Hall has received necessary attention towards repairs, renovation, refurnishing and redecoration, and the policy is established of apportioning the completion of similar work throughout the building to each summer season hereafter as circumstances warrant.

During the past year we have acted upon 81 applications for admission to the Home, of which number 66 were new cases; 45 were accepted, 12 were rejected, 2 were withdrawn, 2 died while their applications were being investigated, and 20 await action, of which 16 were received during the past month.

The total number of applications received since the opening of the Home is 624.

The total of inmates March 1, 1900, was	247
There have been received during the year	44
	<hr/> 391
Withdrawn during the year	7
Deceased during the year	43
	<hr/> 50
Total inmates March 1, 1901	<hr/> 241

Considering the advanced average age of the inmates, the general health has been good.

The physical condition of new applicants has not been as good as in earlier years.

No deaths have occurred in the children's department since the establishment of the Home.

To the clergymen and physicians, and the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, of Utica, who have so generously and considerately continued their interest and ministrations, a renewal of the thanks of the Trustees is due and gratefully tendered.

All brethren are cordially invited to personally visit and inspect the Home, and thereby better acquaint themselves with the importance and splendid character of the work there being prosecuted.

On February 7, 1901, M. W. Charles W. Mead, Grand Master, accompanied by a numerous escort of Grand Lodge officers, visited the Home officially and for inspection.

Among the number were R. W. Elbert Crandall, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Theodore A. Taylor, Grand Treasurer; R. W. and Rev. Wallace Buttrick, Grand Chaplain; R. W. James H. Rollins, Senior Grand Deacon; R. W. J. Wesley Carrick, Junior Grand Deacon; R. W. William H. Whiting, Grand Lecturer; R. W. Alexander A. Clark, Grand Librarian; a number of District Deputies; and Bro. Frederic C. Wagner, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Hall and Asylum Fund, with a majority of that Committee. We were also honored by the presence of M. W. William A. Sutherland, Past Grand Master.

The Grand Master, introduced by the President of the Board, addressed the inmates in words of comfort, encouragement and affection—an address which was most appreciatively received by visitors as well as inmates. He was followed by M. W. William A. Sutherland, Past Grand Master; by R. W. Elbert Crandall, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. and Rev. Wallace Buttrick, Grand Chaplain; and R. W. Byron J. Strough, Trustee; each of whom, in original and eloquent expression of some appropriate thought, cheered the hearts of the unfortunates to whose needs we are charged to minister.

We append herewith, and earnestly invite your careful attention to, the annual report of M. W. Jesse B. Anthony, Superintendent of the Home. It is filled with items of interest and significance, and furnishes food for reflection.

To M. W. Bro. Anthony has been due, and gone out from the hearts of every brother who has been acquainted with the results of his work, the fullest measure of thankful appreciation.

Equally full and equally heartfelt is our sympathy for him in the loss, during the year, of his noble wife.

The Trustees, perhaps as fully and keenly as any of the brethren, appreciate his bereavement and the loss to the Fraternity, knowing how largely she shared in his work, and the devotion with which she encouraged and

strengthened him in the discharge of his trying responsibilities. That Bro. Anthony has been given strength to bear this sorrow, and courage to continue his work, so long and so successfully prosecuted, is a source of thankfulness on the part of every brother within this grand jurisdiction.

The Trustees gratefully acknowledge from Empire City Lodge, No. 206, a gift of \$500, in March last, contributed on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of its institution, the income from which is to be annually devoted to the purchase of holiday gifts for the children of the Home.

This thoughtful and generous act will remain a source of happiness to the children, and a constant reminder to them of Empire City's fraternal affection.

The Board wishes to express its appreciation of valuable legal services generously rendered to it for the benefit of the Craft during the past year by R. W. Elbert Crandall.

As time passes and the Trustees come to a full realization of the importance and beneficence of the Fraternity's Home, their satisfaction increases with the results so far attained and the support so freely given to the cause, and they look to the future with confidence and enthusiasm in this grand work.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE MASONIC HALL AND ASYLUM FUND.

Brethren: Herewith is submitted a report covering the receipts and disbursements from April 1, 1900, to April 1, 1901.

GENERAL FUND.

RECEIPTS.

RENTALS:

Stores.....	\$23,000 00
Lodges.....	29,106 99
Chapters.....	2,764 37
Commanderies.....	2,128 81
Commandery Room.....	2,205 00
Other Bodies.....	137 50
Grand Lodge Hall.....	960 00
Lockers.....	555 00
Safes.....	460 00
Total receipts for rent.....	\$61,817 67
Grand Lodge fees and per capita.....	23,605 00
Quotas of Lodges to the Hall and Asylum Fund, received through R. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers, Grand Secretary.....	228 00
Interest on deposits.....	85 90
Refund for water rates of Hall.....	73 20
Sale of old material.....	135 26
Rebates on bills, allowances, etc., at the Home.....	403 04
Carried forward.....	\$85,848 07

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Brought forward.....	\$85,848 07
DONATIONS:	
W. E. Emil Frenkel, P. M. King Solomon's Lodge, No. 279.....	25 00
Bro. Frederic C. Wagner, Chairman Standing Committee on Hall and Asylum Fund.....	23 00
Empire City Lodge, No. 206.....	500 00
Total receipts.....	\$86,396 07
Balance in General Fund, March 31, 1900.....	9,799 43
Total.....	\$96,195 49

DISBURSEMENTS PER DETAILED STATEMENTS:

For Home account.....	\$61,997 59
" Hall account.....	21,610 54
" General account.....	2,701 92
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	86,310 05
Balance, March 31, 1901.....	\$9,885 44

PLACED AS FOLLOWS:

On deposit in Garfield National Bank.....	\$3,663 84
In hands of Jesse B. Anthony, Superintendent of Home.....	6,221 60
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	\$9,885 44

CLASSIFICATION OF DISBURSEMENTS.

GENERAL:

Salaries and wages.....	\$1,800 00
Expenses attending Trustees' meetings and Committee work.....	568 16
Printing and stationery.....	73 75
Postage, express, telegrams, check collections, etc.....	65 56
Legal services, copies of wills, safe deposit box, etc.....	134 45
Interest to William Scott, upon conditional gift.....	60 00
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Total.....	\$2,701 92

MASONIC HALL:

Employees' wages.....	\$9,883 67
Electric light.....	4,504 92
Gas.....	598 83
Coal.....	1,559 95
Supplies to engineer and janitor.....	686 95
Repairs.....	4,234 12
Water rates.....	335 00
Insurance.....	37 80
Telephone.....	101 35
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	21,442 59
Furniture additions.....	167 95
Total.....	\$24,312 46

The following table exhibits a detailed statement of the rentals received from the Masonic Hall during the past six years :

	Report of 1896. May 1, 1895, May 1, 1896.	Report of 1897. May 1, 1896, May 1, 1897.	Report of 1898. May 1, 1897, May 1, 1898.	Report of 1899. May 1, 1898, May 1, 1899.	Report of 1900. May 1, 1899, April 1, 1900.	Report of 1901. April 1, 1900, April 1, 1901.
Stores.....	\$ 23,000 00	\$ 23,000 00	\$ 23,000 00	\$ 23,000 00	\$ 23,000 00	\$ 23,000 00
Lodges.....	27,819 89	28,391 88	28,506 27	28,121 89	28,570 95	29,106 99
Chapters.....	2,472 47	2,655 62	2,674 88	2,700 62	2,860 63	2,764 27
Commanderies.....	2,342 25	2,023 62	2,173 50	2,088 12	2,170 00	2,123 81
Other Bodies and Specials.	2,405 62	2,237 50	2,253 50	2,201 87	2,405 00	2,342 50
Grand Lodge Hall.....	870 00	1,106 66	905 00	835 00	900 00	960 00
Lockers.....	568 00	623 00	564 50	568 50	565 00	555 00
Safes.....	376 50	402 08	401 00	408 75	427 50	460 00
Totals.....	59,852 73	60,439 37	59,876 15	59,444 75	60,689 08	61,317 67

The following table shows the receipts of the Fund and disbursements account Masonic Hall during the past ten years :

From	To	Receipts from Rent.	Receipts from Per Capita Tax and Fees.	Receipts from Miscellaneous Sources.	Total Receipts.	Disbursements for Masonic Hall.	Net Income from Rental after deducting Dis- bursements for Hall.
May 1, 1891.	May 1, 1892.	\$ 55,594 07	\$ 21,567 50	\$ 8,811 95	\$ 85,973 52	\$ 27,412 91	\$ 28,181 16
May 1, 1892.	May 1, 1893.	58,106 80	22,821 50	17,560 67	98,488 97	30,244 73	37,862 07
May 1, 1893.	May 1, 1894.	59,232 81	22,422 00	11,461 53	93,116 34	28,510 78	30,722 03
May 1, 1894.	May 1, 1895.	59,864 14	22,257 00	7,643 30	89,964 03	25,573 81	34,291 82
May 1, 1895.	May 1, 1896.	59,852 73	22,468 00	2,470 65	84,811 38	21,322 52	33,580 21
May 1, 1896.	May 1, 1897.	60,439 37	21,978 00	1,962 90	84,375 27	21,195 63	39,243 74
May 1, 1897.	May 1, 1898.	59,876 15	21,111 00	1,719 01	82,706 16	30,045 17	39,830 98
May 1, 1898.	May 1, 1899.	59,444 75	19,953 00	1,509 72	80,907 47	18,427 63	41,017 07
May 1, 1899.	April 1, 1900.	60,889 08	20,296 50	887 86	82,063 44	18,593 75	42,295 23
April 1, 1900.	April 1, 1901.	61,317 67	23,605 00	1,473 40	86,396 07	21,369 39	39,948 28

CLASSIFICATION OF DISBURSEMENTS, ACCOUNT MASONIC HOME.

ADDITIONS AND BETTERMENTS :

Balance on new dining-room extension.....	\$6,260 65
Wainscoting Memorial building.....	90 02
Bins, etc., horse barn.....	116 00
Account addition to Memorial building.....	400 00
One horse.....	125 00
One pair clippers.....	8 75
Furniture, beds, mattresses, etc.....	1,053 43
Carried forward.....	\$8,053 85

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Brought forward.....	\$8,068 85	
Carpets, rugs, shades, etc.....	272 70	
Sundry house fixtures.....	279 22	
Tools.....	38 00	
	<hr/>	\$8,648 77
Grading, roads, wells, paving, windmills, etc.....		4,755 74

MAINTENANCE:

Salaries and wages	\$14,790 58	
Table expense.....	11,830 65	
Heating.....	4,471 98	
Light.....	1,594 21	
Miscellaneous household expenses, livery and ex- penses not otherwise classified.....	3,921 29	
Boiler expense.....	94 60	
Ice.....	423 10	
Drugs, medicine, and physician's expenses.....	968 73	
Water.....	430 12	
Laundry.....	247 94	
Clothing.....	1,538 16	
Funerals.....	1,116 07	
School.....	313 55	
Extraordinary.....	434 95	
Insurance.....	2,020 00	
Live stock additions.....	111 43	
	<hr/>	43,807 31

REPAIRS:

Building.....	\$491 88	
Boilers, machinery, piping, etc.....	608 79	
Farm implements, and windmill.....	221 59	
	<hr/>	1,317 21

FARM AND BARN:

Wages.....	\$1,436 72	
Fertilizer, ploughing, etc.....	155 46	
Seeds, plants, etc.....	95 74	
Feed.....	1,455 89	
Barn expense, horseshoeing, etc.....	185 03	
Sundries.....	144 72	
	<hr/>	3,473 56

Total disbursements account Home..... \$61,997 59

THE RESERVE FUND.

Amount reported March 31, 1900..... \$205,076 05

Receipts:

Interest from loans on bond and mortgage.....	7,710 35
“ “ Union Trust Co., on deposits.....	497 71
Account bequest of late Robert Woodcock.....	1,738 32

Amount of Reserve Fund, March 31, 1901..... \$215,022 43

Placed as follows:

Loaned on bond and mortgage.....	\$190,000 00
On deposit in Union Trust Co.....	21,341 09
Invested in house in Brooklyn devised by late Bro. Robert Woodcock.....	3,681 34
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	\$215,022 43

For the information of the Grand Lodge and those having the obligations of the Fund, I would state that there is on deposit for the payment of the following obligations :

In the Garfield National Bank, to pay five years' notes.....	\$204 60
“ “ “ “ “ two “ “	442 17
“ “ “ “ “ coupon 20 of income bonds....	3 50
“ Union Trust Company, “ coupons of 1st mortgage bonds	455 00

Fraternally submitted,

HORACE H. BROCKWAY,

NEW YORK, March 31, 1901.

Treasurer.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT OF THE MASONIC HOME.

UTICA, N. Y., March 1, 1901.

MR. CHARLES W. DRAKE,

President Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund.

Dear Sir and R. W. Brother : In the preparation of our eighth annual report we preserve, for convenience of comparison, the general plan embraced in preceding reports. The affairs of the Home have been conducted with due regard to economy, and with the view that the Home buildings should be in readiness at all times for inspection, official or otherwise.

The Home staff consists of the following : Superintendent, 1 ; house-keeper (since February 1, 1901), 1 ; nurse, teachers, and attendants, 8 ; cook, baker, and kitchen assistants, 5 ; waitresses and housemaids, 8 ; laundryman and assistant, 2 ; janitor, 1 ; engineer, firemen, watchman, and carpenter, 7—total, 33. Of this number, 24 reside in the Home.

The farm work and care of the grounds have required the employment of a farmer, barn-man, and six farm hands—three of the latter for the working season only.

The new driveway and paths in front of the main building have been practically completed, and considerable work has been done in regraveling the main roads throughout the grounds. In work of this character the farm hands are utilized after the farm work is over, and continued as long as the weather will permit.

An additional water supply has been obtained by putting down five new wells. Three of them proved profitable and were piped and connected with the pumps in the pump-house. One of these wells was equipped with a windmill and pump, and connected by pipe with a brick cement cistern having

a capacity of about 60,000 gallons—a reserve supply. From this source, since the completion thereof—while running day and night—we have been enabled to obtain about eighty per cent. of the water consumed in the Home. This could not be done in summer, when running during the day only, except by providing additional tank capacity in the attic of the main building. We recommend that this be done the coming year. While the expense of this improvement has been considerable, it will pay for itself in time. The asphalt pavement on Bleeker Street, which was ordered by the city authorities and extends to the west entrance of the Masonic Home grounds, has been completed, and the assessment therefor, \$1,895.88, is payable upon its confirmation by the Common Council.

The returns from the farm have met our anticipations—a full supply of vegetables in their season; also hay, corn, oats, corn fodder, etc., for stock purposes.

The piggery has furnished 14,929 pounds of pork (\$925.50), which has been used in the Home, and we have on hand 1 boar, 14 sows, 57 pigs, and 77 shoats.

We have lost by death 2 cows, and the live stock, valued at \$1,068.92, represents 1 bull and 25 cows. From this source there has been produced for home use 58,631 quarts of milk (\$1,758.93), and also 1,616 pounds of beef. The items of pork, beef, and milk are included in the expense account, and credited to "Farm Produce Used," viz.: \$2,908.87.

We do not make any estimate of the value of the vegetables produced and used, as the total expense is embraced in the per capita cost.

Considering the age and physical condition of the inmates, the general health has been as good as could reasonably be expected. Our experience is that the physical condition of new applicants has not been so good as in the earlier years of the Home work. This cannot well be avoided, as it is a class which demands our aid.

Up to the present year the death rate has been very low; but with increased years it is inevitable that the ratio of mortality rises in proportion, and the past twelve months has marked the highest rate in our history.

As per the detailed statement it will be seen that death has removed forty-three inmates, a ratio of one in five in its application to adults. At times the oft recurrence of the summons became depressing, but nevertheless we must expect such extraordinary seasons. During the months of January and February an epidemic of la grippe—that "little boy bug," as Dooley expresses it—added to our work, but we had therefrom but few fatal cases. It is especially at such periods that the wisdom of the erection of the Hospital annex is apparent.

The Medical Department is under the charge of a thoroughly competent nurse—the same as heretofore—and the duties thereof have been discharged in a conscientious and satisfactory manner.

We still have one inmate in the Utica State Hospital—an incurable case—in which our interest continues. We also have here those who are de-

mented and those wholly unable to care for themselves. This class represents additional expense.

Professional services have been rendered by the following members of the Medical Staff, and we repeat our acknowledgments for any voluntary service rendered : Drs. E. J. Stephens, James G. Hunt, Charles B. Tefft, and Charles G. Ward.

The Eye and Ear Department (Drs. Maxson and H. G. Jones), the Dental Department (Dr. W. A. Rowlands), and the Veterinary Department (Dr. W. G. Hollingsworth) have been subject to call at all times.

In the line of surgery we report three broken arms, the amputation of a foot, and a strangulated hernia—surgeon in charge, Dr. E. J. Stephens, assisted in one instance by Dr. H. G. Jones.

The Day-school, of two departments, each in charge of a capable teacher—the same as heretofore—has been successfully maintained, with a steady improvement in the educational personnel of the scholars.

We have two boys in the Utica Academy who are making excellent records for themselves in their studies and furnish conclusive proof that the foundation they received in the Home School was of sound character. Master A. Purdy Lord secured the first prize (\$15.00 gold) for his essay on "John Jay," awarded by Oneida Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The oldest girl is in attendance at a Commercial Business College, obtaining a knowledge whereby she may be fully equipped for practical work. Efforts in this direction add to our expense, but the benefit accruing to the children thus fitted out will richly repay us in the good accomplished. It has been a pleasure to us to learn through correspondence that the children who have honorably withdrawn from the Home have generally secured good positions and are doing well. The commendable spirit evinced by the Lodges in interesting themselves for their orphan wards at this crucial period in their career is worthy of all praise. It may be said that it was but their duty. However, the obligation is enriched by the pleasantness of the act.

In this connection we may be permitted to say that we are looking forward with anticipation to the erection of the addition to the Memorial Building, for thereby we shall not only be enabled to more comfortably accommodate the children we have, but also have room for others. There appears to be a healthy increase in this department of our work, and our reward therefor will be in the satisfaction of knowing that we have done our part toward fitting the young for the duties of manhood and womanhood.

The Sunday-school is continued, also the Wednesday evening prayer meeting—with increased attendance and interest—and the general song service on Sunday evening.

Services are held in the Chapel every Sunday at 3.30 P.M., and our indebtedness is expressed to the pastors who have so graciously responded to our invitation to conduct services thereat. In the event of a failure to secure the attendance of a minister, a Home service is held. As heretofore, the third Sunday in each month is devoted to the Episcopal service under

the direction of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, they supplying the pastor.

We append a list of the Sunday services :

1900.		1901.	
<i>March</i>	4, Rev. J. W. Simpson. 11, Home Service. 18, Rev. G. H. Trickett. 25, Home Service.	<i>Oct.</i>	7, Rev. Dana W. Bigelow. 14, Rev. H. H. Tweedy. 21, Rev. Bro. W. S. Ramsdell. 28, Rev. A. S. Barner.
<i>April</i>	1, Rev. J. W. Simpson. 8, Rev. J. W. Simpson. 15, Easter Service. 22, Rev. Robert A. Martin. 29, Rev. Thomas E. Jepson.	<i>Nov.</i>	4, Rev. James D. Corby. 11, Visit, Utica Lodge, No. 47. 18, Rev. E. F. H. J. Masse. 25, Rev. I. N. Terry.
<i>May</i>	6, Home Service. 13, Rev. Thomas E. Jepson. 20, Rev. J. J. Burd. 27, Rev. B. G. Miller.	<i>Dec.</i>	2, Rev. F. W. Klingensmith. 9, Rev. R. J. Long. 16, Rev. J. B. Harding. 23, Home Service. 30, Service omitted.
<i>June</i>	3, Rev. Thomas E. Jepson. 10, Rev. T. E. Busfield. 17, Rev. E. H. Coley. 24, Rev. W. D. Marsh.	1901.	
<i>July</i>	1, Home Service. 8, Rev. Thomas E. Jepson. 15, Rev. J. W. Clark. 22, Rev. Geo. B. Bradley. 29, Rev. Robert H. Life.	<i>Jan.</i>	6, Rev. Walter A. Hitchcock. 13, Home Service. 20, Rev. Bro. W. S. Ramsdell. 27, Rev. Walter A. Hitchcock.
<i>Aug.</i>	Services omitted.	<i>Feb.</i>	3, Rev. B. G. Miller. 10, Rev. J. B. Hammond. 17, Rev. J. J. Burd. 24, Visit, Oriental Lodge, No. 224.
<i>Sept.</i>	2, Rev. Walter A. Hitchcock. 9, Rev. O. S. Baker. 16, Rev. W. C. White. 23, Rev. Bro. M. J. Congdon. 30, Rev. J. B. Hammond.		

Our report would be incomplete if we failed to recognize the services of the inmates in the work of the Home ; many do so voluntarily, as a matter of duty, without any assignment. In some portions of the work the labor is continuous throughout the year, although at no time burdensome; and our obligation is expressed to all, and especially those actuated by a willingness to do according to their ability.

The Brooklyn Masonic Veteran Association contribute the sum of one hundred dollars per year toward furnishing a supply of tobacco for the use of those who find solace therein. This sum does not cover the expense, but we have continued our regular distribution as heretofore, and any excess of expenditure is charged in the general expense.

The Home has been the centre of attraction to many visitors the past

year, and we are pleased to note a larger attendance on the part of the Craft. It is an object lesson, and they carry away with them a broader comprehension of the great work in which the Fraternity is engaged. The Home is open for the inspection of visitors every day in the week except *Sundays and holidays*, and at all times for those who desire to visit any inmate.

The notable and special events of the year may be enumerated as follows :

- 1900, March 9, Miss Cora M. Wheeler entertained the inmates by the presentation of a farce entitled "The Mouse Trap." The following pupils of the Elocution Department of the Utica Conservatory took part therein : Misses Donion, Gleason, Roche, Dingman, Worth, Peckham, and Mr. Williamson.
- 1900, March 20, Bro. Titus Sheard and R. W. Franklin S. Stebbins, members of the Standing Committee on Hall and Asylum Fund, were here.
- 1900, April 15, Annual Easter visit of Utica Commandery, No. 8, K. T. Sir A. J. Browne, Em. Com., with about forty Sir Knights. The Easter offering of the Commandery, fifty dollars, was for the benefit of the Children's Library. The exercises were appropriate for the day and the occasion, and thoroughly enjoyed by the audience assembled. At the conclusion of the Chapel services, the Sir Knights presented each child with an orange and left a large basket of fruit for future consumption.
- 1900, June 30, Entertainment by Mr. Archie Leon French, impersonator, ventriloquist, etc.
- 1900, July 4, Exhibition of fireworks in the evening.
- 1900, July 9, Meeting of the Standing Committee on Hall and Asylum Fund, Bros. Frederic C. Wagner, Dow Beekman, and John C. Thompson being present.
- 1900, July 27, Closing exercises of the School. Singing, recitations, essays by May Bosquet and Arthur A. Greifenstein.
- 1900, Nov. 1, Meeting of the Standing Committee on Hall and Asylum Fund, Bros. Frederic C. Wagner and John C. Thompson being present.
- 1900, Nov. 11, Visit of Utica Lodge, No. 47, W. : Arthur S. Thayer and about seventy-five of the brethren. Bro. Richard W. Sherman, Mayor of the City of Utica, on behalf of the Lodge, presented the sum of fifty dollars to be used for the benefit of the Children's Library. Dr. W. E. Ford, also a member of the Lodge, delivered an interesting address. The exercises were in harmony with the occasion, and it is to be hoped that this visit is but the prelude to many of a similar character.

- 1900, Dec. 25. Christmas entertainment by the children in the Chapel, with an interesting programme of songs, recitations, etc., a play by the primaries, entitled "Alice in Wonderland," followed by the distribution of gifts to the children and a holiday remembrance to every inmate of the Home. An addition of eighty-six volumes was made to the Children's Library.
- 1901, Feb. 7. M. W. Charles W. Mead, Grand Master, made his official visit to the Home. The season of the year prevented some of the Grand Officers being in attendance, but there were about forty brethren present. The Grand Master was accompanied by R. W. Elbert Crandall, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Theodore A. Taylor, Grand Treasurer; R. W. and Rev. Wallace Buttrick, Grand Chaplain; R. W. James H. Rollins, Senior Grand Deacon; R. W. J. Wesley Carrick, Junior Grand Deacon; R. W. William H. Whiting, Grand Lecturer; R. W. Alexander A. Clark, Grand Librarian; and M. W. William A. Sutherland, Past Grand Master; District Deputy Grand Masters R. W. Frank E. Haff (1st), R. W. Philip Herrschaft (2d), R. W. William E. Wilkinson (7th), R. W. John Salisbury (18th), R. W. Fred. L. Coggeshall (18th), R. W. Edwin Hughes (26th), R. W. Stratton S. Knox (27th), R. W. George S. Stubbs (31st), and R. W. Charles Smith, P. D. D. G. M. (18th). The Commission of Appeals was represented by R. W. Oscar F. Lane. The Standing Committee on Hall and Asylum Fund: Bro. Frederic C. Wagner, R. W. Clayton S. Scott, R. W. Dow Beekman, R. W. Edward P. Newcomb, and R. W. John C. Thompson. The Trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund: R. W. Charles W. Drake, R. W. Byron J. Strough, R. W. Frederick P. Morris, and Bro. Horace H. Brockway, together with R. W. F. J. Milligan, Clerk of the Board. The President of the Board of Trustees introduced the Grand Master, who delivered an excellent address, which was supplemented by words of cheer and encouragement by M. W. William A. Sutherland, R. W. Elbert Crandall, R. W. and Rev. Wallace Buttrick, and R. W. Byron J. Strough. After the reception in the Chapel, within which were gathered the inmates and children of the Home, the visitors made a thorough inspection of the Main and Memorial buildings.
- 1901, Feb. 24, Oriental Lodge, No. 224, made a visit to the Home: W. W.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

Alamanson Godfrey, Worshipful Master, and about eighty brethren. The exercises in the Chapel were interesting, short addresses being made by W. M. Bro. Godfrey ; Bro. J. W. Rayhill, Senior Warden ; Bro. Clarence Stetson, Junior Warden ; and W. M. Harry Lancaster, Past Master ; and at the close of the meeting the brethren distributed fruit and candy to the children and inmates assembled.

The changes in the register by reason of death have been as follows :

Register No.	Date of Death.	Name.	Age.	Officiating Clergymen at Funeral Services.	Remarks.
	1900.				
402	Mar. 29	Daniel S. Wetmore	62	.....	Remains sent to Troy, N. Y.
397	Apr. 1	Arthur W. Hindley	65	.....	Died in Brooklyn, N. Y.
349	Apr. 22	William B. Smeeton	81	.....	Remains sent to Brooklyn, N. Y.
5	May 7	Norman B. Prentiss	92	Masonic service.	Remains sent to Waterford, N. Y.
181	May 11	Mrs. Emily Leon	68	.....	Remains sent to Baldwinsville, N. Y.
197	May 11	Edward M. Robinson	88	Masonic service.	Remains sent to Brooklyn, N. Y.
65	May 11	James Barlow	80	.....	Remains sent to Horseheads, N. Y.
331	May 12	John H. Crane *	77	Rev. Bro. Daniel Ballou.	Interred on the Home grounds
213	May 14	Mary H. Hovey	76	Rev. W. D. Wallace	Remains sent to Herkimer, N. Y.
393	May 28	Sally Brown	78	.....	Interred on the Home grounds.
125	June 9	George Beddington	88	.....	Interred on the Home grounds.
321	June 18	Joseph M. Goulding *	71	Rev. Bro. Daniel Ballou.	Remains sent to New York, N. Y.
420	July 11	Samuel H. Le Wicky *	80	.....	Interred on the Home grounds.
412	July 19	William H. Finch	85	.....	.....
316	Aug. 12	Julius Stevens *	71	Rev. Bro. Daniel Ballou.	Remains sent to Newark, N. Y.
119	Aug. 13	Henry J. Johnson *	85	Rev. W. A. Hitchcock	Interred on the Home grounds.
42	Aug. 20	Electa S. Skinner	76	.....	.....
89	Aug. 26	Mary A. McIntosh	82	Rev. Bro. Daniel Ballou	Died at Jamestown, N. Y.
280	Sept. 1	H. D. Goodnough	71	.....	Interred on the Home grounds
254	Sept. 8	William C. Mayhew	83	.....	Remains sent to Palmyra, N. Y.
326	Sept. 9	Ass. A. Hubbard *	82	Rev. Bro. Daniel Ballou.	Remains sent to Buffalo, N. Y.
48	Sept. 10	Harriet Foote	84	Rev. J. T. Brown.	Interred on the Home grounds.

* Masonic service, also.

The changes in the register by reason of death have been as follows :—*Continued.*

Register No.	Date of Death.	Name.	Age.	Officiating Clergymen at Funeral Services.	Remarks.
	1900.				
18	Sept. 11	Henry Blanchard	80	Rev. Bro. Daniel Ballou.....	Interred on the Home grounds.
332	Oct. 2	Rachel Crane.....	76	"	"
400		John G. Frazer.....	63	"	Remains sent to New York, N. Y.
240	16	George M. Hays *	78	Rev. I. N. Terry.....	"
365	24	Thomas Maynard.....	80	"	Remains sent to Corning, N. Y.
241	26	Harriet S. Hays.....	68	"	Remains sent to New York, N. Y.
293	27	Emelle Zimmerman.....	57	"	"
59	Nov. 14	Teresa Ann Cain.....	70	Rev. Bro. Daniel Ballou.....	Interred on the Home grounds.
435	Dec. 4	Mary Steinbrenner.....	57	"	"
378	10	Thomas H. Rockwell *	68	"	"
	1901.				
358	Jan. 6	James Gant.....	81	"	Remains sent to Rochester, N. Y.
390	14	Ella E. Peterson.....	41	Rev. Bro. Daniel Ballou.....	Interred on the Home grounds.
450	23	Lucina Milspaw.....	76	"	Remains sent to Jamestown, N. Y.
33	25	Ann West.....	88	Rev. Bro. Daniel Ballou.....	Interred on the Home grounds.
231	28	George F. Taylor *	73	Rev. J. J. Burd.....	"
96	29	James Scott.....	90	Masonic service.....	Remains sent to Norwich, N. Y.
328	Feb. 3	Eliza F. Gillett.....	91	"	Died in Buffalo, N. Y.
176	5	Charles Haviland.....	76	"	Remains sent to Delhi, N. Y.
432	6	John Phillips.....	77	"	Remains sent to Brooklyn, N. Y.
367	9	Jeremiah W. Sandhovel *	66	Rev. Bro. Daniel Ballou.....	Interred on the Home grounds.
429	15	Ann E. Mott.....	68	"	Remains sent to Flushing, L. I.

* Masonic service, also.

In connection with the above list we desire to note that at the funeral of Bro. Henry Blanchard (September 13th) the Masonic services were conducted by Syracuse Lodge, No. 501, under the direction of W. . L. J. Lynn, Master, assisted by a delegation from the Lodge.

Upon the occasion of the funeral of Bro. George F. Taylor, Reliance Lodge, No. 776—of which he was a member—was represented by W. . Frank E. Keuger, Master, and W. . Charles H. Gill, Past Master.

W. . Alamanson Godfrey and a delegation from Oriental Lodge, No. 224, attended the funeral of Bro. J. W. Sandhovel. The Masonic services were under the direction of W. . H. K. Heffron, Past Master of Oriental Lodge, No. 224.

Other changes in the register are as follows :

Register No.	Date.	Name.	Disposition.
	1900.		
219	March 21	Jane A. Pollock	Withdrawn.
209	May 23	John Perkins	Withdrawn by mother.
210	" 22	Bertie Perkins	Withdrawn by mother.
408	June 11	Louisa M. Wetmore .. .	Withdrawn.
228	Aug. 31	A. A. Greifenstein	Withdrawn.
401	Sept. 12	E. A. Holloway	Withdrawn.
124	" 17	Harry Russell	Withdrawn by mother.

The following table presents a monthly exhibit of the reception of inmates and changes of the year :

	RECEIVED.					CHANGES.
	Males.	Females.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	
1900.						
March.....	..	..	..	..	..	Males, withdrew.. 1
April.....	2	1	..	..	3	" died .....27
May.....	..	2	..	..	2	Females, withdrew 2
June.....	4	2	..	..	6	" died ....16
July.....	2	1	..	..	3	Boys, withdrew... 4
August.....	1	2	..	2	5	
September.....	2	..	..	1	3	
October.....	..	..	1	..	1	
November.....	4	2	..	..	6	
December.....	3	..	..	..	3	
1901.						
January.....	2	1	3	1	7	
February.....	3	2	..	..	5	
Rec'd during year	28	18	4	4	44	
Less changes....	28	18	4	..	50	
	*5	*5	..	4	*6	
Total Mar. 1, 1900	128	70	35	14	247	
Total Mar. 1, 1901	123	65	35	18	241	

* Excess of loss.

Average age of men	71.80
" " women	70.74
" " boys	11.15
" " girls	10.85

There are elected and not yet received, two men and one woman.

Net increase each year :

1895, April 1 (12 months)	32
1896, April 1 "	36
1897, April 1 "	35
1898, April 1 "	33
1899, April 1 "	28
1900, March 1 (11 months)	8
1901, March 1 (12 months) (loss)	6

REGISTER OF INMATES.—(Continued from last report.)

No.	Date Received.	Name.		Lodge Recommending.	
	1900.				
418	April 11	Aaron R. McLean	Mason.	Milo.	108
419	11	Rachel E. McLean	Wife.	"	108
420	19	Samuel H. Le Wicky ..	Mason.	City.	408
421	May 24	Anna Batey	Widow.	Ancient.	724
422	30	Mary A. Verey	"	Yonnondio.	168
423	June 6	Marquis De L.F. Kenyon	Mason.	St. Lawrence.	111
424	6	Elsie Kenyon	Wife.	"	111
425	7	Joseph T. Swan	Mason.	New London.	420
426	21	William R. Fosgate ...	"	Gouverneur.	217
427	25	Frieso De Groot	"	Guttenberg.	787
428	25	Reina De Groot	Wife.	"	787
429	July 9	Ann E. Mott	Widow.	Cornucopia.	568
430	8	Edwin Tousley	Mason.	Morrisville.	658
431	17	William Westendorfer.	"	Evening Star.	44
432	Aug. 24	John Phillips	"	Corner Stone.	867
433	25	Charlotte Meyer	Orphan.	Charity.	727
434	25	Ella Meyer	"	"	727
435	29	Mary Steinbrenner	Widow.	Atlantic.	178
436	30	Nancy A. G. Brown ...	"	Ivy.	397
437	Sept. 6	Lewis C. Gouter	Mason.	Wellsville.	280
438	11	Florence B. Morrow ...	Orphan.	Independent.	185
439	28	Cornelius Swartwout ...	Mason.	Apollo.	18
440	Oct. 19	Lester B. Dunton	Orphan.	Richmond.	66
441	Nov. 15	Louis Hieber	Mason.	Lindenwald.	509
442	16	Abram Halsey	"	St. Nicholas.	821
443	16	Caroline Halsey	Wife.	"	821
444	19	John C. Traviss	Mason.	Commonwealth.	409
445	20	Dwight E. Allen	"	Syracuse.	501
446	20	Lucy Ann Allen	Wife.	"	501
447	Dec. 8	Robert B. Keyser	Mason.	Atlantic.	178
448	11	William M. Hutchinson	"	Mamaro.	658
449	19	William W. Sriver ...	"	Frontier.	517
	1901.				
450	Jan. 11	Lucina Milspaw	Widow.	Mount Moriah.	145
451	14	Kathleen Hadewig	Orphan.	Doric.	280
452	14	Walter Hadewig	"	"	280
453	21	Patrick McCarthy	Mason.	Ionic.	486
454	24	Charles Robb	"	Ark.	48
455	24	Chas. G. L. Bardson ...	Orphan.	Sanctorum.	747
456	24	Harrison I. V. Bardson.	"	"	747
457	Feb. 1	Sylvia H. Bush	Widow.	Turin.	184
458	4	Ella Rowland	"	Silentia.	198
459	19	Jacob C. Hovey	Mason.	Avoca.	673
460	20	Albert W. Pratt	"	Tecumseh.	487
461	21	Joseph W. Girard	"	Evangelist.	600

Balance sheet, showing expenses of the Masonic Home for the year ending February 28, 1901.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Wages, salaries, departments, servants, and employees..... \$14,790 58

CURRENT EXPENSES:

Table	13,956 32
Heating, steam purposes, laundry and kitchen	4,190 00
Light	1,494 21

HOME EXPENSES:

Wages proportion of expense	\$555 30	
Dry goods, home use and to renew	508 59	
Crockery, new and to replace	242 30	
Soap, soap powder, etc.	170 00	
Telephone rent	100 00	
Paints, oil, glass, etc.	309 33	
Disinfectants	109 00	
Cleaning carpets, mattresses, etc.	56 90	
Livery for ministers	71 50	
Stationery, printing, etc.	89 54	
Hardware and fixtures	220 30	
Kalsomining, painting, etc.	214 32	
Electrical wiring and supplies	68 12	
Tobacco	48 20	
Sundries	1,001 38	3,664 78
Boiler		94 60
Ice		423 10
Medical		968 73
Water		430 12
Laundry		247 94
Personal inmates—clothing, etc.		1,415 16
Funerals		1,006 07
School, and expenses advanced education		813 55
Insurance		538 12

EXTRAORDINARY:

Fourth of July exhibition, and for children ..	\$66 54	
Christmas appropriation	100 00	
Fares and expenses returning inmates, special cases, and superintendent's attendance at		
Trustee meetings	185 15	
Livery, Grand Master's official visit	30 00	
Sundries	53 26	484 95
		<u>\$43,963 23</u>

REPAIRS:

Building	\$491 83	
Boilers, machinery, piping, etc.	603 79	
Farm implements and windmill	221 59	1,317 21

Carried forward..... \$45,285 44

Brought forward..... \$45,285 44

FARM AND BARN:

Wages.....	\$1,486 72
Barn expenses—shoeing, harness, repairs, etc..	185 08
Feed, middlings, grains, etc.....	1,455 89
Phosphate.....	49 61
Plants, seeds, etc.....	95 74
Manure, extra team plowing, etc.....	105 85
Sundries.....	144 72

\$3,473 56

Less farm produce sold and used (credit)..... 2,908 87— 565 19

\$45,850 68

GROUNDS:

Wages—proportion.....	\$686 06
New driveway and paths in front, and regrav- eling roads.....	494 78
Putting down five new wells.....	1,200 00
Warren-Scharf Co., asphalt pavement into grounds.....	209 40
New windmill and pump, and putting up....	217 56
Mason work, brick cement cistern.....	770 84
Reservoir building.....	151 17
Labor excavating cistern and trenches, and attending masons.....	409 88
Lumber for scaffolding, windmill casement, etc.....	118 47
Iron pipe and connections.....	456 65
Sundries.....	41 92— 4,755 74

\$50,606 87

PERMANENT ACCOUNT—ADDITIONS AND BETTERMENTS:

Furniture, bedsteads, mattresses, etc.....	\$804 85
Carpets, rugs, shades, etc.....	272 70
Linen department.....	249 08
Tools—one water meter.....	88 00
Sundry house-fixtures, etc.:	
Food carriers, trays, etc.....	\$161 90
Invalid bed for hospital and sur- gery fixtures.....	80 17
Refrigerators.....	17 00
Sundries.....	20 15— 279 22

\$1,643 35

New buildings and additions:	
Wainscoting—Memorial building.....	90 02
Bins, etc.—horse barn.....	116 00
G. Edward Cooper, balance fee on dining-room extension.....	160 40
Griffiths & Pierce, balance on ma- son and carpenter work—din- ing-room extension.....	4,675 25

Carried forward.. \$5,041 67

\$1,643 85

\$50,606 87

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

Brought forward.....	\$5,041 67	\$1,648 85	\$50,606 87
Wicks, Hughes & Co., balance on steamfitting and plumbing work—dining-room extension	1,425 00		
G. Edward Cooper on account of architect's fee—addition to Memorial building.....	400 00—	6,866 67	
Horse and wagon property :			
One gray horse.....	125 00		
One pair clippers.....	8 75—	188 75—	8,648 77
			<u>\$59,250 14</u>

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT :

Two cows died.....	90 00
	<u>\$59,340 14</u>

BALANCES—SUPPLIES ON HAND AND CREDIT ACCOUNT :

Advance payment insurance.....	\$1,718 00	
Coal.....	725 06	
Table.....	937 08	
Home expense.	680 94	
Personal—inmates.....	400 00	
Live stock.....	\$1,173 92	
Less profit and loss.....	90 00—	1,083 92
		<u>\$5,545 00</u>
Superintendent—cash balance	2,221 60—	7,766 60
		<u>\$67,106 74</u>

RECEIPTS.

From Trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund	\$30,486 09
Payments made by Trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund.....	6,870 65—\$37,106 74

SUMMARY.

Current expenses—Home.....	\$45,850 68
Expense on grounds.....	4,755 74
Profit and loss account.....	90 00
Permanent account.....	<u>8,643 77</u>
Chargeable against Fund the present year.....	\$59,340 14
Payments applicable to account of 1901.....	7,766 60—\$67,106 74

Tabulated monthly payments :

	Number Inmates.	Current Expenses.	Repairs.	Farm and Barn Expense.	Aggregate.
1900.					
March.	244	\$4,085 08	\$72 25	\$278 60	\$4,885 88
April.	246	3,667 16	37 05	274 85	3,979 06
May.	238	3,625 61	102 52	472 68	4,200 81
June.	242	3,564 10	88 96	206 45	3,859 51
July.	244	3,887 58	313 06	272 64	4,473 28
August.	244	3,142 48	84 36	312 90	3,539 74
September.	240	3,187 04	66 83	258 85	3,512 72
October.	235	3,546 25	6 02	291 72	3,843 99
November.	240	3,802 27	69 00	257 05	4,128 32
December.	241	4,162 88	58 14	355 03	4,575 55
1901.					
January.	242	4,355 70	408 32	213 87	4,977 89
February.	241	3,600 13	10 70	278 92	3,889 75
		\$44,575 78	\$1,817 21	\$3,473 56	\$49,866 50
Less credits		607 50		2,908 87	3,515 87
		\$43,968 28	\$1,817 21	\$565 19	\$45,850 68

The average for the past year equals 241.4 inmates.

The current expenses of the Home—embracing maintenance, repairs, farm and barn expenses—are \$45,850.68. Showing a per capita cost of \$189.93 for the year.

We do not enter into any discussion in regard to the comparative cost with preceding years, for no comparison could be strictly equitable; each year must stand by itself. It may be mentioned that the increased cost of coal and some other commodities, with some extraordinary expenditures, are factors of importance. As it is—governed by judicious economy—we submit the record.

The donations for the benefit of the Home, exclusive of those heretofore enumerated, have been as follows :

Newspapers and periodicals : "The American Tyler," the "Square and Compass," "The Tennessee Freemason," "The Lodge Record," "The Carthage Republican," "The Eastern Star," the "Signet," "Albany Sunday Journal" (German), "The Albany Daily Argus," "Saratoga Eagle," "The Utica Advocate," "The Long Island Star," "The Kansas Freeman," "The Orient and Sheaf," "Rochester Herald," "Utica Advocate," and United States Department of Agriculture daily weather bulletin.

Donations of bound volumes, paper-covered books, magazines, etc., have been received from the following :

R. W. R. W. Hill, Albany ; R. W. David M. Drury, Brooklyn ; R. W. Alexander A. Clark, Grand Librarian, Grand Lodge of New York ; Craftsman's Club, New York ; Mrs. Merritt Peckham, Utica ; Anna G.

Jones, Utica; Bro. Charles Teson, Troy; Bro. Caleb S. Hanks, Newark; Bro. Thomas S. Williams (12 volumes), Bro. John H. Crane, Bro. William Westendorfer, Bro. Robert B. Keyser (10 volumes), Mrs. C. D. Barnum, New York (55 volumes); W. W. J. Allen, copy History of Crystal Wave Lodge, No. 638; Bro. Hubbard Hendricksen, copy History of Marsh Lodge, No. 188; W. C. Victor Twiss, copy History of Jerusalem Chapter, No. 8, R. A. M.

Allemania Lodge, No. 740, Brooklyn, a Christmas donation of one barrel of oranges and one barrel of apples.

Bro. Frank Tasker, Clinton, one barrel of cider.

Mr. Henry A. Chester, steward Fort Schuyler Club, ice cream and cake for the children.

R. W. W. Lincoln Sage, New York, playing cards. W. C. Rowley & Son, Utica, calendars.

Mrs. C. D. Barnum, New York, \$20.00 for the Children's Fund.

W. Francis E. Pouch, of Lexington Lodge, No. 310, \$10.00 for the Christmas Fund.

R. W. William E. Wilkinson, D. D. G. M. 7th Masonic District, one year's subscription to the "Masonic Standard."

Our acknowledgments are expressed to the following Lodges, which have, by the necessary appropriation of \$20.00 each, enabled us to place headstones to mark the graves of the following interred in the Home grounds:

Henry Clay Lodge, No. 277.....	BRO. JOSEPH M. GOULDING.
Friendship Lodge, No. 158	BRO. BUREACE BEEBE.
Deposit Lodge, No. 396.....	BRO. HENRY J. JOHNSON.
Phoenix Lodge, No. 96.	MRS. TERESA ANN CAIN.
Harlem Lodge, No. 457	MRS. MARY A. MCINTOSH.
Syracuse Lodge, No. 501.....	BRO. HENRY BLANCHARD.
Atlantic Lodge, No. 178.	MRS. MARY J. STEINBRENNER.
Oneonta Lodge, No. 466.....	BRO. THOMAS H. ROCKWELL.
Reliance Lodge, No. 776	BRO. GEORGE F. TAYLOR.
Apollo Lodge, No. 18.....	MRS. ANN WEST.
Ocean Lodge, No. 156.....	MRS. ELLA E. PETERSON.

We sincerely hope that the time will come when every Lodge will discharge this duty.

We also place upon record the generous action of Reliance Lodge, No. 776, Delhi Lodge, No. 439, and City Lodge, No. 408, in reimbursing the funeral expenses of Bros. George F. Taylor, Charles Haviland, and Samuel H. Le Wicky respectively.

We are pleased to report that the hearts of many of the inmates were made glad at Christmas time by donations from Lodges having inmates in the Home. If our brethren could but appreciate the happiness conferred by this personal act—irrespective of the amount—there would be no omissions. We cannot but think that in many instances this failure is largely

through inadvertence; but there are some who do not forget, and each year their kindly remembrance recalls old associations to the minds of the recipients, and their hearts are filled with gratitude to the brethren for their thoughtfulness to the brethren, their widows and orphans.

Our report, as usual, is confined strictly to the Home work and matters germane thereto.

We would fain avoid all reference to that which is of a strictly personal nature, and yet it may not be inappropriate to say that the past year has been to us a hard one in many respects. Called upon to assume the entire care and management for at least eight months, the labor has been burdensome; but cheered by the loyalty of the members of the official staff, and having the cordial coöperation of every one having a part in the regular Home work, it has been carried along successfully. For the kindness of all, and especially to the members of your Honorable Board, any word of thanks would convey but a faint acknowledgment of the obligation ever to be entertained toward many kind friends.

Fraternally submitted,

JESSE B. ANTHONY,
Superintendent.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES W. DRAKE, HORACE H. BROCKWAY, NOBLE F. MARTIN, FREDERICK P. MORRIS, BYRON J. STROUGH,	}	<i>Trustees.</i>
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REPORT OF THE GERMAN MASONIC TEMPLE ASSOCIATION.

R. W. ERNST A. GEORGE INTEMAN, President, submitted the report of the German Masonic Temple Association, which was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Hall and Asylum Fund :

M. W. CHARLES W. MEAD,

Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

M. W. Sir and dear Brother: The wheel of time in its rapid evolutions brings us to the end of another Masonic year and nearly to the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the German Masonic Temple Association.

The events of the past twenty-four years have left indelible imprints upon our history, fraught with incidents calculated to inspire us with renewed zeal in this, our labor of love and devotion to duty.

During the year, new problems have arisen and have been met. Greater responsibilities have rested upon us, with results indeed gratifying, which bring us with grateful hearts to the Giver of every good and perfect gift, acknowledging His guiding hand and rendering unto Him our grateful thanks for His manifold blessings.

The number of Lodges contributing to the support of the Home remains the same. Twenty-seven out of the twenty-eight Lodges comprising the Ninth District are members of the Association. The interest in this great work increases with years. The delegates seem to be imbued with commendable zeal to promote its best interest, thus encouraging the officers in the discharge of their duties.

We at this time desire to make mention of the faithfulness of the brethren who have served on the various committees energetically and attentively. They have evinced a pride in the performance of every duty assigned to them.

We cannot select any one for special praise, as all have done their part well and deserve our warmest thanks, which are gratefully tendered for such valuable assistance in carrying on this noble work of charity.

While our joy has been full, we have experienced some sorrow to chasten and remind us of the uncertainty of human life.

BRO. ALBERT NOETHIGER,

a delegate from Copernicus Lodge to our Association, was called to his last account, April 12, 1900.

He was a good man—peace to his memory.

The R. W. ALBERT JANICKE and W. ALBERT WAGNER were appointed to revise the By-laws of the Association. The work, requiring a great deal of time and labor, was so carefully and completely performed, that the By-laws, as revised by them, met with the unqualified approval of the Association and were adopted.

Among the many who have remembered our Institution, I mention M. W. WRIGHT D. POWNALL, who presented the Home with a safe; W. EMIL FRENKEL, of King Solomon Lodge, donated some merchandise and twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) in cash, and Mrs. Augusta E. Kuntz, fifty dollars (\$50.00) in cash; besides many who donated various useful materials or merchandise to the Home; if all the names were mentioned now it would challenge your indulgence at this busy hour.

Thanks, finally, one and all. May they never weary in well doing—remembering that he who giveth to the needy lendeth to the Lord.

It affords me great pleasure to submit also an abstract of our financial statement of the year 1900, as reported by the financial secretary, R. W. HENRY BREUNICH, and verified by our examining committee, or committee on revision of accounts.

The report is as follows:

RESOURCES.

Temple Building, 220 East 15th St.....	\$55,000 00
Inventory of same.....	4,393 80
The Home at Tappan, Rockland Co., N. Y.....	22,531 42
Inventory of same, including farming tools, implements, and live stock.....	3,698 66
Invested in Bond and Mortgage Real Estate, E. 162d St.....	10,000 00
Invested in Bond and Mortgage Real Estate in Bank St.....	10,000 00
Deposits in Metropolitan Savings Bank.....	4,422 68
Deposits in German Savings Bank.....	1,072 71
Deposits in East River Savings Bank.....	2,206 58
Deposits in Citizens' Savings Bank.....	1,584 17
Treasurer's Balance, January 1, 1901.....	203 58
Total	<u>\$115,113 60</u>

CASH RECEIPTS.

Total rent receipts Temple Building, 220 E. 15th St.....	\$5,154 66
Interest of mortgage on property in E. 162d St.....	450 00
Interest of mortgage on property in Bank St.....	225 00
St. John's Festival receipts.....	1,237 85
"Traubenfest" receipts at Tappan.....	2,222 75
Home Committee receipts at Tappan.....	330 86
From W. HENRY F. MICHEL, of Trinity Lodge.....	200 00
" BRO. F. LUEDKE, of German Pilgrim Lodge.....	174 77
" W. EMIL FRENKEL, of King Solomon Lodge.....	25 00
" BRO. ROBERT WECKE, of Goethe Lodge.....	23 00
" M. W. JOHN W. VROOMAN (for St. John's Festival) ..	1 00
" W. AUGUST FREUTEL, of Wieland Lodge.....	10 00
" BRO. L. DRIESEN, of Harmony Lodge.....	5 00
" Trinity Lodge, No. 12, annual donation.....	80 00
" Klopstock Lodge, No. 760, surplus 25th anniversary fund	25 00
" German Union Lodge, No. 54, for a tombstone.....	12 50
" MR. WM. B. A. JURGENS, rebate on bill of merchandise.	95
" Library Committee.....	6 60
Treasurer's Balance, January 1, 1900.....	284 68
Total	<u>\$10,449 62</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

For maintaining Home at Tappan.....	\$3,579 93
For maintaining Temple Building, 220 E. 15th St.....	2,707 60
Deposits in Savings Banks.....	3,000 00
Invested in bond and mortgage.....	200 00
For St. John's Festival arrangements.....	191 62
For extra labor and merchandise at "Traubenfest".....	566 89
Treasurer's balance, January 1, 1901.....	203 58
Total	<u>\$10,449 62</u>

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1901.

E. A. G. INTEMANN, United Brothers, No. 356,	President.
CHR. GERHARDT, Teutonia, No. 617, . . .	First Vice-President.
FRIEDRICH ZIMMER, Herder, No. 698, . . .	Second Vice-President.
JACOB METZ, Goethe, No. 629, . . .	Treasurer.
OSCAR CAHN, Beethoven, No. 661, . . .	Rec. and Cor. Secretary.
HENRY BREUNICH, Germania, No. 182, . . .	Financial Secretary.
HY. C. STRAHMANN, Herman, No. 268, . . .	Statistical Secretary.
JOHN W. FLECK, Socrates, No. 595—for 1 year, . . }	Trustees.
DR. OTTO F. JENTZ, Trinity, No. 12—for 2 years, . }	
JACOB EIDT, Zschokke, No. 202—for 3 years, . }	

EXAMINING PHYSICIANS OF THE HOME.

DR. OTTO F. JENTZ, Trinity, No. 12, Hasbrouck Heights, N. J.
 DR. FRANK H. ZITZ, German Pilgrim, No. 179, 1087 Lexington Ave.
 PROF. DR. ANDREAS V. GRIMM, Fessler, No. 576, 185 Second Ave.
 DR. GUSTAV PFINGSTEN, Lincoln, No. 748, 27 Pearl St.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

ERNST A. GEORGE INTEMANN,

President.

REPORT OF THE GRAND LECTURER.

R. W. WILLIAM H. WHITING, Grand Lecturer, presented the following report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Work and Lectures :

M. W. CHARLES W. MEAD,

Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

Dear Sir and Brother: I herewith present my fourth Annual Report as Grand Lecturer for the year ending April 30, 1901.

Immediately on receiving the commission announcing my appointment, I appointed the following brethren Assistant Grand Lecturers in their respective districts :

W. B. FRANK WOOD, W. DELBERT GREENE, W. GEORGE W. SIMPSON, W. WILLIAM HARKNESS, W. JOHN GIBB, R. W. JOHN W. ALLISON, W. ROBERT MORROW, W. ASCHER MORRIS, W. GUSTAVE H. KNEMEYER, W. ISAAC A. BROWN, W. WILLIAM WOOD, W. JEREMIAH E. BARNES, W. DERRICK BROWN, R. W. OSCAR L. EASTMAN, R. W. GEORGE D. CHAMBERLIN, W. ANSON R. THOMPSON, W. FRANK HALE, W. GEORGE W. NORRIS, W. OSCAR O. NILES, W. WILLIAM H. KIRKPATRICK, W. JOHN J. GREELEY, W. JOHN N. BASSETT, W. A. E. HUME, W. ORON V. DAVIS, R. W. RICHARD R. DAVIS, W. C. EUGENE RICHARDSON, W. EDWARD HUGHES, R. W. HORACE F. BOOTH. W.

LAVERNE A. PIERCE, R.: W.: CLARENCE A. MACDONALD, W.: WILLIAM THIRKELL, W.: JOHN B. MULLAN, W.: MILTON W. DAVISON, W.: WILLIAM BUCK, W.: PIERRE CUSHING, W.: BERTON KEYS, W.: ELIAS HAFFA, W.: EDWARD F. NORTON, W.: JOHN C. MASON, W.: THOMAS T. BUTTRICK.

Shortly after his appointment, W.: C. EUGENE RICHARDSON died, and his death calls for more than a passing notice. W.: BRO. RICHARDSON was one of the most accomplished ritualists in the State of New York. He was first appointed Assistant Grand Lecturer by the late R.: W.: GEORGE H. RAYMOND, Grand Lecturer, and was continued in office by him and his successors until the death of BRO. RICHARDSON, and always performed the duties of his office with faithfulness and fidelity.

The standard work of the Grand Lodge has been fully exemplified in the several districts of the State under my immediate personal supervision and has been a source of much gratification to me by reason of the great improvement that has been made during the last four years.

I am under renewed obligations to the District Deputy Grand Masters, one and all, for their unvarying kindness, courtesy, and assistance, cheerfully rendered.

I thank you, Most Worshipful Sir, for the honor conferred on me in my appointment, for the support and encouragement you have always accorded me in the discharge of my duties, and for the many favors and courtesies you have extended to me.

I am proud to have been associated with you in the administration of the affairs of the Grand Lodge during the past year, a year that is peculiarly noticeable for the harmony, enthusiasm, and prosperity that have prevailed throughout the entire jurisdiction.

Trusting that a long continued season of health, happiness, prosperity, and success awaits you in the immediate future, I am, with very best wishes,

Faternally yours,

WILLIAM H. WHITING,

Grand Lecturer.

REPORT OF THE GRAND LIBRARIAN.

R.: W.: ALEXANDER A. CLARK, Grand Librarian, presented the following report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Finance:

M.: W.: CHARLES W. MEAD,

Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

Sir: I am pleased to submit herewith my report as the Librarian of the Grand Lodge for the past year.

The work of the year has been continued on lines laid down during the previous year, and special effort has been directed to securing, as far as possible, those volumes of Proceedings which were necessary to the com-

pletion of our files and the replacing of those mutilated. In this work much correspondence has been required, and over 2,700 letters have been written to secretaries, recorders, and many others who were active in the various jurisdictions, in order that our needs in the line of Masonic literature might be fully known and the coöperation of the brethren of sister jurisdictions enlisted in our endeavors to secure the documents necessary.

It has been a source of pleasure to correspond with the brethren of sister jurisdictions, for the cordial and fraternal relations entered into during the previous year seem to grow closer as time goes on, and I desire to thank the Grand Secretaries and Grand Recorders of all the Grand Bodies for their manifold courtesies and the numerous copies of Masonic Pamphlets and Proceedings they have so kindly forwarded to the library.

To R.^c. W.^c. GEO. P. RUPP, Librarian of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, R.^c. W.^c. SERENO D. NICKERSON, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Massachusetts; R.^c. W.^c. THEO. S. PARVIN, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Iowa; M.^c. W.^c. JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Maine; W.^c. HENRY SADLER, Librarian, Grand Lodge of England; R.^c. E.^c. CHARLES F. MATIER, Secretary, Grand Chapter, England, I am especially indebted for many courtesies and much information of value in the labor for the increased scope of usefulness of our library. They have ever been ready to respond to any call made upon them, and have the thanks of the brethren of the Empire State. To the late R.^c. W.^c. W. R. SINGLETON, who was the efficient Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, I was indebted for many favors. He was one of Nature's noblemen, always ready to serve the Craft of this State and assist in the work in the interest of the library.

The brethren manifest much greater interest in the library, as evidenced by the increased attendance and the demand for the best in Masonic literature. Every courtesy is extended to the readers and visitors, and they are cordially welcomed at all times. The current magazines and periodicals are supplied for the tables and later are forwarded to the Masonic Home at Utica.

I desire to thank the publishers of the numerous Masonic magazines and periodicals who have so kindly forwarded their publications to the library. They are a source of much usefulness to the Craft.

A thorough revision of the manuscript of the catalogue of the library has consumed a large amount of time, but as the importance of the work required that it should be absolutely correct in every detail, the same has been done carefully and a portion thereof is now in the hands of the printer, the rest to follow in a few days, as soon as the work is complete. The many requests from Lodges in our State and from sister jurisdictions for the catalogue make its issue one of necessity, and arrangements have been completed for its prompt delivery when ready; the fund for this purpose having been placed in my hands at last session of the Grand Lodge.

There are quite a number of rare circulars, Masonic manuscripts, scraps, etc., that are as yet unassorted and unbound, which require time to properly collate—a work I hoped to be able to complete, but lack of time has prevented. These, with other Masonic mementoes, should be carefully bound, as they are of much interest, rarity, and Masonic historical value, and cannot be replaced.

I have during the year secured a number of copies of Proceedings to replace mutilations, and in a number of instances secured rare and missing volumes that were necessary to complete our files.

A careful survey of our shelves shows that the library contains many rare volumes, but also shows a lack of the histories of the subordinate Lodges of the State; and it would, I think, be of interest to the Craft and of inestimable value to the Grand Lodge and brethren of the State were the history of every Lodge, to December 31, 1900, prepared and placed on our shelves and additions made thereto each ten years, for those who are active to-day will in a few years have passed beyond, and the facts that are to-day available cannot oftentimes be secured later. These histories would be of much interest to our readers and of great historical value as time goes on.

Our acquisitions during the past year have been 227 bound volumes. Seven hundred and sixty-two copies of Proceedings and other Masonic pamphlets have been received. The above figures do not include magazines, periodicals, or other literature that has been received during the year, which it is neither wise to bind or of use to retain permanently, lack of space necessitating only the selection of the best and that of the most value in the future.

There have been bound and rebound during the year 106 volumes of Proceedings and Masonic pamphlets, and many more are ready for the binder at this time. A large number of important pamphlets are being collated and when bound will place on our shelves a number of important controversial and historical circulars and documents.

The financial transactions of the year have been as follows:

Balance last year.....	\$2 15
Appropriation for Library.....	1,000 00
	<u>\$1,002 15</u>
Disbursements:	
Attendant's salary.....	\$403 00
Books, subscriptions, magazines, periodicals, binding, etc.....	477 23
Postage and express.....	86 95
Stationery, sundries, etc.....	34 82
	<u>\$1,002 00</u>
Total	\$1,002 00
Balance on hand.....	15
	<u>\$1,002 15</u>

There was placed in my hands by direction of the Grand Lodge, the fund for issuing the catalogue of Library, as follows:

Catalogue Fund.....	\$1,031 76
Disbursed on account Catalogue.....	216 00
	<u>\$815 76</u>

Contracts have been entered into which will dispose of nearly all of the balance on hand, for the completion of the work of printing, mailing, and distributing the catalogue.

To. R. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary, I am indebted for many courtesies during the year. He has been ever ready to assist in my labors with wise and timely counsel. He has my sincere thanks and kindly wishes for many years of continued usefulness to the Craft. His able staff have also extended every possible courtesy, for which I am very grateful.

Thanking you for the honor conferred by the appointment to so active and important an office, and trusting that my service therein will prove of lasting benefit to the Craft and merit your approval and that of the brethren, I am, with kindest regards,

Yours fraternally,

ALEXANDER A. CLARK,
Grand Librarian.

REPORT OF THE GRAND HISTORIAN.

R. W. PETER ROSS, Grand Historian, presented the following report, which was received and ordered printed in the Proceedings :

M. W. CHARLES W. MEAD,

Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

M. W. Sir and Dear Brother:—With this report I complete the roster of brethren who took part in our great wars—the Revolution, the War of 1812, and the Civil War—presenting here the names of those who took part in the second of the series. The records of that event in our national history have not been handled with the scrupulous care bestowed in late years on the Revolutionary documents. The military records were loosely kept, and those which remain have in great part been consigned to Washington, where, some day, they will doubtless be arranged and classified, and made to serve a useful purpose. In the meanwhile, however, they are of little practical use. The persecution of the Craft in the years following 1826, caused a vast amount of Masonic material to be destroyed or lost, and so our Lodge records are of but little avail. In these circumstances the roster of the heroes of 1812 is much smaller than it should be, but enough is left to show that in 1812 the brethren answered to the call of the country as numerous and as loyally, in proportion to their strength, as did their predecessors in the more momentous struggle of 1776.

In 1774, before the outbreak of the war which made the colonies a nation, there were not over ten Lodges in the State of New York. In the list in my report of last year it was shown that before that conflict closed twenty-six local warrants had been operating in New York, or were then operative. War, as it were, seemed to draw men together more closely than usual, to make a new community of interests, to develop a desire to draw tighter the bonds of unity and friendship. This seems to be the explanation of the fact that war generally swells the number of the Craft, an organization whose mission is essentially one of peace and good-will to all men. It was so in 1776, it was so in the Civil War, and it was so in the War of 1812. Indeed, but for the stern restraining hands of our Grand Masters, Freemasonry would run riot in such exciting times, for there never yet

was a war, since the advent of modern Masonry, that a cry for army Lodges was not set up.

In our own jurisdiction, in 1810, three Lodges were added to the roll of Grand Lodge; in 1811, ten; in 1812, nine; in 1813 (when the war was fairly on), eighteen; in 1814, ten; in 1815, thirteen; in 1816, twenty; in 1817, twenty-nine; in 1818, fifteen; by that time the echoes of the war had practically died out. A study of our Lodge records, so far as they go, seems to show that each of them, in the cities especially—*i.e.*, New York and Albany—received large additions to their membership rolls in these years. The following figures are conclusive on this point. In 1810, Mount Vernon Lodge, Albany, initiated seven candidates; in 1811, five; in 1812, twelve; in 1813, twelve; in 1814, fifteen. Temple Lodge, Albany, initiated in 1810, six; in 1811, six; in 1812, six; in 1813, sixteen; in 1814, twenty-three; and from that its figures steadily decreased until, in 1819, after the glamour of the war was over, it initiated only one candidate. St. John's Lodge, No. 1, in 1810, initiated fourteen; in 1811, eight; in 1812, eight; in 1813, sixteen; in 1814, seventeen; in 1815, twenty-four. Otsego Lodge (now No. 138) in 1810, initiated six; in 1811, nine; in 1812, eight; in 1813, eight; in 1814, seventeen; in 1815, ten; in 1816, seventeen. This influence of war upon Freemasonry has already been noticed by our esteemed Past Grand Master, Jesse B. Anthony, who, in a sketch of Freemasonry in Troy, prefaced to his "History of King Solomon's Primitive Lodge, No. 91" (1892), said of Apollo Lodge, No. 49 (now No. 18): "The commencement of the War of 1812 gave a new impetus to Masonic work, and the applications were so numerous that special meetings were held, doing work at every meeting."

The total number of Lodges on the roll of Grand Lodge on January 1, 1812, was 182; at the close of 1814, the number was 219; and if to these we give an average membership of twenty-five, the result would show, in the beginning of 1812, 4,550, and at the close of 1814 a total of 5,475 Master Masons. Besides these Lodges, there were possibly half a dozen working under temporary warrants, like Olive Branch, Warsaw (afterward No. 244), and Mount Hope, Ticonderoga (afterward No. 255), which would add a strength of not over 200 to the total given for the close of 1814. On the whole, it is safe to estimate that 5,000 brethren belonged to our Lodges in the War of 1812. That would be practically all in the State, for I take it, from careful study of all available material, that few unaffiliated brethren were then to be found (as was the case in 1776), except those unaffiliated for good and sufficient cause. I am aware that this estimate falls far short of that which Grand Master John L. Lewis (the greatest of all our Masonic historical students) arrived at, and I feel reluctant to express an opinion contrary to that of any arrived at by him. But nowadays we have much better means at hand for arriving at a correct conclusion on such matters, thanks to the magnificent manner in which such data have been preserved and tabulated by that master of all Grand Secretaries, Col. Edward M. L. Ehlers.

Of these 5,000 brethren, probably 1,000 actually served in the war; by that I mean were regularly commissioned, or had duly enlisted in some military organization. Under existing circumstances it is impossible to approximate the number more closely, but it is to be hoped that the time is not far distant when the evidence on which to base an approximation will be more complete and satisfactory than at present. From all indications and suggestive details which have reached me, however, I am satisfied that in placing the number at 1,000 I am guilty of underestimating rather than otherwise.

Apart, however, from the reverence we entertain for the memories of those of our brethren who shouldered a musket or carried a sword in the field, the War of 1812 is unique in the history of Masonry from the fact that it furnishes us with the only instance on record when a Grand Lodge, as such, marched with banners flying, the brethren fully clothed, the officers with their regalia, and the deacons with their staffs, to perform a tour of military service; to take part in the actual work of national defense.

It is not within the province of this report to enter into the story of the war. It might, however, be permitted here to say that, while the American flag aloft won a series of grand victories, and really saved the nation, the story of the conflict on shore was for a time one long series of disasters for the American forces—disasters which were made more bitter and disheartening by the quarrels and bickerings and jealousies of those in power. When the tide of war was at its worst, when the City of Washington was threatened and it looked as though, in spite of one or two American victories, the British troops might overrun the country, and New York would be menaced both by land and water, the people arose *en masse* and determined to give the invaders a warm reception. Militia bands were organized and drilled in hot haste. Grand Master Clinton, then mayor of New York, exerted himself to develop the patriotic sentiment of all parties, and Senior Grand Warden Colden found himself at the head of the local militia. On August 11, 1814, a great mass meeting of citizens was held in front of the City Hall, when it was resolved to defend the city to the last extremity. Committees were also appointed to enroll in the military service of the city as many as possible of those exempt from such duties by law, to enlist sailors, or "seafaring citizens," for service in the harbor or as artillerymen, and to enroll citizens for voluntary labor on the fortifications of the city. In Lamb's "History of New York" we are told :

The citizens were not slow in redeeming their pledges. Men of all classes and vocations lent a helping hand; masons, carpenters, shoemakers, merchants, and incorporated societies all turned out in distinct bodies to aid in digging and constructing the works. * * * The whole city wore a martial air, militia companies were organizing and drilling here and there; the citizens hurried to and fro with pick and shovel to labor upon the fortifications, and everything bespoke the spirit of determined resistance. With this aid the works were soon completed. Castle Clinton, better known as Castle Garden, was constructed at the southwest point of the island, the north battery was erected at the foot of Hubert Street, and Fort Gansevoort was erected at the foot of Gansevoort Street. On Governor's Island, about a mile south of the city, was Fort Columbus, with the strong Fort William in close proximity.

There is no use in continuing this quotation; it might be lengthened to show how completely the entire island and its approaches were covered by strongholds of various sorts, but a statement of the fact must here suffice.

Into this patriotic work the Grand Lodge, as such, felt impelled to take part. On August 22, 1814, Grand Master De Witt Clinton called an emergent meeting of the Grand Lodge for, as the minutes inform us, "giving the brethren an opportunity of evincing their patriotism in the present important crisis of public affairs." The following resolution was at once passed :

That the Grand Lodge will perform one day's labor on the fortifications at such times as shall be assigned by the Committee of Defense; that the respective Lodges in this city and the fraternity in general be earnestly requested to cooperate in this laudable work, and that the Deputy Grand Master, the Senior Grand Warden, the Assistant Grand Secretary, the Grand Treasurer, Brothers

Simson, Riker, and Nicholas Roome be a committee to make the necessary arrangements for carrying the same into effect.

With the passage of that resolution the Lodge closed, but the Grand Stewards' Lodge, held on August 31st, supplemented the proceedings by authorizing the necessary expenditure. Before that time the Grand Lodge had been assigned to do its work on September 1st on the fortifications at Brooklyn. As soon as this was definitely made known, the Assistant Grand Secretary, Elias Hicks, issued the following circular to the Lodges in and near the city :

Ancient and Honorable Society
of
Free and Accepted Masons.

Grand Lodge
of the State of New York.

Order of arrangement for 1st September, 1814.

The several Lodges will assemble at sunrise on Thursday morning, the 1st of September, at the Park, and form themselves according to the following arrangement with the least possible delay : The first division, headed by Lodge No. 158, in front of the City Hall, with its right at the gate opposite Frankfort Street. The second division, headed by Lodge No. 15, on the west side of the Park, with its head at the Bridewell. The Grand Lodge will meet and form in the hall and take its place in the procession immediately upon the first division having passed it. Every brother will be clothed with an apron, and the officers with the jewels and emblems of their respective grades. All superfluous decorations, it is expected, will be dispensed with. When on board the steamboat the brethren will preserve their places so as to prevent confusion on disembarking on the other side. On arriving at the ground the brethren will uncliothe and proceed to labor, the suspension from which will be ordered by a signal from the Grand Lodge. When the labor of the day is finished the members will recliothe, form themselves in like order, and on returning to the city proceed to the Park and be dismissed.

ORDER OF PROCESSION.

New Jerusalem Lodge, No. 158.

Tyler.

Members, four abreast.

Stewards.

Masters of Ceremonies.

Treasurer.

Secretary.

Junior Warden.

Senior Warden.

Past Masters.

Junior Deacon.

MASTER.

Senior Deacon.

Wood's Lodge, No. 153.

Clinton Lodge, No. 143.

Benevolent Lodge, No. 142.

Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 132.

Morton Lodge, No. 50.

Fraternal Lodge, No. 31.

Erin Lodge, No. 19.

Adelphi Lodge, No. 18.

Warren Lodge, No. 17.

Washington Lodge, No. 16.

The Grand Lodge
in the following order :

Grand Tyler

(with a drawn sword).

Band of Music.

Past Grand Officers.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

Grand Treasurer.		Grand Secretary.	
Grand Standard Bearer.			
Junior Grand Warden.		Senior Grand Warden.	
Grand	{	Grand Pursuivant,	{
Deacon.		bearing a Bible.	
		Deputy Grand Master.	Grand Deacon.
Grand Deacon.	THE GRAND MASTER.		Grand Deacon.

Abram's Lodge, No. 15.
 L'Union Française Lodge, No. 14.
 Phoenix Lodge, No. 11.
 Trinity Lodge, No. 10.
 Holland Lodge, No. 8.
 Hiram Lodge, No. 7.
 St. John's Lodge, No. 6.
 St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 3.
 Independent Royal Arch Lodge, No. 2.
 St. John's Lodge, No. 1.

The minutes of the Grand Lodge, under date of September 1, 1814, record that Warren Lodge, No. 17, Clinton Lodge, No. 143, and Wood's Lodge, No. 153, did not manage to turn out, although doubtless some of their members fell in with other Lodges. The same minutes say :

This being the day assigned by the Committee of Defense for receiving the services of the Craft on the fortifications at Brooklyn pursuant to a resolution passed on the 22d ult., the Grand Lodge having first opened in a room in the City Hall, proceeded thence with the brethren of the before-named Lodges. Having been joined at Brooklyn by Fortitude Lodge, No. 84, and Newtown Lodge, No. 174, and having diligently labored throughout the day, returned in the like order to the City Hall, where the Grand Lodge retired to a room in the same and was duly closed.

The particular part of the fortifications upon which the fraternity mainly expended their labor and displayed their patriotism was one of the redoubts of Fort Greene, and in honor of the workers it was named Fort Masonic. It was between what are now Schermerhorn and State streets, about half a block beyond Nevins Street. The giving the fort this distinctive name proved so acceptable a recognition of their operative work, that at the regular quarterly meeting of the Grand Lodge on September 7th, Deputy Grand Master Hoffmann suggested that the Craft should tender to the authorities another day's labor. This was at once agreed to in the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will perform another day's labor toward completing the fort called Fort Masonic, and on such other part of the fortifications as may be assigned to them, on such day as may be appointed by the Committee of Defense, and that the Lodges in its vicinity and the brethren generally be particularly desired to unite their labors with this Grand Lodge in the manner proposed.

A committee was appointed to make arrangements with the Committee of Defense, with power to draw on the Grand Treasurer for all expenses, and on September 19th, the minutes tell us :

The committee appointed at the last meeting of this Grand Lodge, relative to the fortifications at Brooklyn, having tendered the services of the fraternity as directed to the Committee of Defense, by whom this day was assigned for the proposed labor, the Grand Lodge having first opened in a room in the City Hall, proceeded thence * * * in general procession to Fort Masonic, at Brooklyn, and having diligently labored on the fort during the day returned in like procession to the City Hall, where the Grand Lodge retired to a room in the same and was duly closed.

Happily the tide of war rolled away from New York, and on December 14th of the same year (1814) the signing of the treaty of Ghent put a stop to hostilities between the two countries—it is hoped forever. From the spirit displayed by the brethren we could almost imagine that, had the occasion arisen, a Masonic regiment would have been organized to defend the forts, although possibly every brother capable of bearing arms was even then enrolled in Senior Grand Warden Colden's forces.

But, while thus showing their patriotism with all the insignia of their profession, the brethren were by no means negligent of benevolence toward those who had traveled the same Masonic road as they, no matter under what flag they were arrayed. This was demonstrated in the previous year, in the very height of the struggle, for when it was known that three seamen on the British brig "Peacock," which had been sunk by the "Hornet" off the South American coast under command of Capt. James Lawrence, who were among the prisoners of war which the "Hornet" brought to New York, belonged to the fraternity, the Grand Lodge Committee on Charity interested themselves on their behalf and relieved their needs to an amount far beyond what they were authorized to do by their general powers, but the Grand Stewards' Lodge unanimously approved all that had been done. Thus did Masonic benevolence rise superior to the distinctions between men brought about by political differences.

James Lawrence, the Captain of the "Hornet," and whose last command to his men on board the "Chesapeake" when in June, 1813, in her memorable fight with the "Shannon" he fell mortally wounded on her deck, "Don't give up the ship," is one of the mottoes of American history, was a member of the fraternity. When his dead body was carried on the "Chesapeake" into Halifax, along with the victorious "Shannon," it was given all the honors of a public funeral, for the bravery of the man had commanded the admiration of his country's foes, foes in this instance ever ready to recognize the qualities of valor even when exhibited by their enemies. Later, the body of the dead hero was surrendered to the United States, and on September 13, 1813, it was laid in its first grave in Trinity churchyard, New York. The late Dr. John Flavel Mines, in his interesting volume entitled "Walks in Our Churchyards," writes of the funeral in New York as follows:

On the 16th September, 1813, a long procession, composed of members of both branches of the service and civilians, moved from the battery up Greenwich Street to Chambers Street, and thence down Broadway to Trinity churchyard, where the body of Capt. James Lawrence was laid in a grave in the southwest corner of the grounds, far removed from public observation. Subsequently the city corporation erected there a simple but appropriate monument, a broken column of white marble with the dismembered capital lying at its base. A generation later the corporation of Trinity Church determined to remove the remains to the more conspicuous position which they now occupy, and the handsome mausoleum, surrounded by eight trophy cannon attached by chains, which stands close by the southernmost entrance to the church, is the first object that attracts the eyes of visitors. The cannon were selected from the arms captured from the English during the War of 1812-14, and as, in accordance with law, each gun bore its national insignia and an inscription declaring the time and place of capture, the vestry of Trinity Church, with a courtesy worthy the imitation of all Christian bodies, directed that they should be buried so deep that no evidence of triumph should be paraded before the public eyes so as to seem unfriendly to the stranger within our gates. It was a fitting return for the respect paid to the remains of Captain Lawrence and Lieutenant Ludlow on their arrival at Halifax, when the entire British garrison marched in the funeral procession, and the navy furnished the pall-bearers and guard of honor.

Whether the Grand Lodge took part in the public funeral of Captain Lawrence is not clear. At the meeting of September 1, 1813, when it was known that the remains were on their way, a motion was passed "that it be referred to the Grand Officers, that in case there should be a public funeral of our deceased brother, the late Captain Lawrence, to take measures, if they deem it proper, to assemble the Lodges in this city to join in the procession." But there is nothing on record to show that any further action was taken, or that the remains of the hero of the "Chesapeake" were lowered to the grave with any Masonic ceremony.

Of the twenty-three Lodges which, according to the minutes, "were ordered to the front," ten have long since passed away—New Jerusalem (a Bloomingdale Lodge); Wood's, Warren, Clinton (united with St. John's, No. 1); Morton, St. John's, No. 6; Erin, Newtown, Hiram, and St. Andrew's; the latter two being the only Lodges on the list which took part in the organization, under Grand Master Walter, of our Grand Lodge. Abram's Lodge has lost its identity and its historic claim under its modern name of Pioneer, in spite of the early number (twenty) which it owns. The other Lodges named are yet with us, most of them showing by their success in the present that antiquity and pride of years in Masonry are not incompatible with modern progress; that in them the spirit of the past and that of the present press forward lovingly, hand in hand.

Freemasonry, we are told by our æsthetic brethren, is a system of philosophy teaching by symbols. As the events of the historic past are but symbols to us, it seems in keeping with the fitness of things that each branch of our history which we may study should yield us some lesson. I believe that the main cause which prompted the Grand Lodge to go to war was politics, not patriotism. The institution had so drifted under the political leaders of the State, even under the Livingstons, De Witt Clinton, Daniel D. Tompkins, and Cadwallader Colden, that it was thoroughly identified with politics. Nay, it was even being used by politicians, and much was settled in its sanctums in obedience to political behest rather than from purely Masonic prompting. In the Craft were to be found the most reputable citizens, the leading lawyers, clergymen, and professional men in each district; and every man prominent in politics belonged, in name at least, to the Craft. It could not be otherwise under such leaders as Clinton and Tompkins, and in saying this I mean no disrespect to the memory of these gifted statesmen. But the pre-eminence which the Craft under their lead achieved laid it open to attack, and the attack came sooner than could have been anticipated.

In 1814 we see the brethren marching down to the old Brooklyn Ferry with drums beating and colors flying, and amid cheers from the spectators. Little more than ten years passed, and a Mason would not dare show himself on the streets of New York, and from every quarter of the State arose a shout of denunciation at the very name of the Craft.

Brethren were stoned when performing the last sad rites; acknowledgment of Masonic affiliation meant public oblivion; men were sent to prison for no crime other than that they belonged to the fraternity; the churches refused them membership; in some courts the testimony of a professed Mason was regarded with the suspicion which would be attached to the evidence of a convicted criminal. Many other details of the persecution might be recalled, but it may be summed up by saying that it was complete, malignant, and despicable. Anti-masonry became a power—a frightful power—so far-reaching and potent that it

tried to seat a President in the White House and capture the government of the land. Under the political and social pressure Lodges went down like card houses, and thousand after thousand of men who had taken the obligation of the Craft publicly renounced it, and even men who had held high honor in its councils became, like Cadwallader Colden, its most bitter traducers.

In 1825, when the storm commenced, there were 480 Lodges on the roll of the Grand Lodge. In 1840, when it had spent its force and the people began to be aware that they had been made the victims of a set of shrewd political manipulators, that they had contributed another chapter to the record of popular delusions, the number was reduced to 70, and of these fully a third, if not actually dead, were practically in a condition of decorous composure.

So I take it that the lesson of the War of 1812 is to keep Masonry strictly out of politics—maintain it in a different realm of its own from that in which we discuss and weigh the passing topics of the times.

My thanks are due to very many of the brethren for aid and assistance. Indeed, the Historian of Grand Lodge must necessarily depend upon the interest the brethren feel in his work, as it is mainly from local sources his information must come.

To mention in detail all who have helped in resuscitating the records of the dead and buried past would occupy too much space, and I therefore simply thank them one and all. I must, however, make one exception, for the aid rendered by Bro. Henry Harmon Noble, of Iroquois Lodge, No. 715, has been so great and so important that it is difficult to find words to properly express my appreciation of the work he has done. A zealous student of history, a descendant of some of those who took part in the War of 1812, an earnest and devoted member of the fraternity, he has worked hard to make the roster of the fighting brethren as complete as possible, and it owes much—very much—to the material he has brought to light.

From R. W. John G. Barker I have received a number of important original documents bearing upon the history of the Grand Lodge immediately connected with the disturbance of 1823 and the peace of 1827.

In conclusion, permit me to thank you for my reappointment to the office of Historian, which has now become one of the recognized offices of Grand Lodge, and also for the courtesy with which you have aided my labors and the personal interest you have taken in my work. I congratulate you on the peace and harmony which have prevailed during your administration, and for the more than satisfactory advance which Masonry in New York State has made while you have

“ with supreme command
Presided o’er the Sons of Light.”

LIST OF LODGES DURING THE WAR OF 1812.

The numbers given are those which the Lodges held in 1814.

LODGE.	Location.	Date of Warrant.
1 ST. JOHN'S	New York City	Dec. 7, 1757.
2 INDEPENDENT ROYAL ARCH	New York City	Dec. 15, 1760.
3 ST. ANDREW'S	New York City	July 18, 1771.
3 MOUNT VERNON	Albany	Feb. 21, 1765.
4 MASTERS'	Albany	March 5, 1768.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

	Lodge.	Location.	Date of Warrant.
5	SOLOMON'S	Poughkeepsie	April 18, 1771.
6	ST. JOHN'S	New York	Feb. 5, 1783.
7	HIRAM	New York	Feb. 20, 1779.
8	HOLLAND	New York	Sept. 20, 1787.
9	ST. PATRICK'S	Johnstown	May 23, 1786.
10	TEMPLE	N. E. Precinct	Sept. 28, 1785.
10	TRINITY	New York	March 23, 1795.
11	WASHINGTON	Fort Edward	Sept. 26, 1785.
11	PHENIX	New York	March 30, 1795.
12	ST. SIMON AND ST. JUDE	Fishkill	June 20, 1786.
13	HUDSON	Hudson	March 7, 1787.
14	L'UNION FRANÇAISE	New York	June 25, 1798.
15	ABRAHAM'S	New York	Jan. 18, 1800.
16	WASHINGTON	New York	March 5, 1800.
17	UNITY	Canaan	Sept. 18, 1788.
17	WARREN	New York	March 25, 1800.
18	ADELPHI	New York	June 29, 1802.
19	ERIN	New York	Nov. 1, 1802.
19	ST. JOHN'S	Warwick	March 26, 1790.
20	LA FAYETTE	Amenia	July 23, 1790.
21	MONTGOMERY	Stillwater	Oct. 22, 1791.
22	AMICABLE	Whitestown	April 7, 1792.
23	ONTARIO	Canandaigua	Oct. 12, 1792.
24	KINGSTON	Kingston	Sept. 7, 1808.
27	HIRAM	Washington	May 10, 1793.
28	LIVINGSTON	Kingsbury	June 6, 1793.
29	FREEHOLD	Greenville	June 6, 1793.
30	UNION	Elmira	June 28, 1793.
31	FRATERNAL	New York	March 26, 1804.
33	FEDERAL	Hoosick	Nov. 15, 1783.
34	CORTLANDT	Peekskill	Dec. 21, 1793.
36	AMICABLE	Herkimer	April 6, 1794.
37	FRANKLIN	Ballston	May 16, 1794.
38	COLUMBUS	South East	Aug. 4, 1794.
40	OTSEGO	Cooperstown	Aug. 14, 1796.
42	MONTGOMERY	Broadalbin	Nov. 24, 1795.
43	ORANGE	Waterford	Nov. 25, 1795.
44	CANAAN	Canaan	March 26, 1796.
45	ORANGE	Goshen	April 13, 1796.
46	WESTCHESTER	New Rochelle	May 7, 1796.
48	ST. ANDREW'S	Stamford	April 12, 1796.
49	APOLLO	Troy	June 19, 1796.
50	MORTON	New York	June 25, 1804.
51	NORTH STAR	Salem	Oct. 13, 1796.
52	AURORA	Fairfield	Nov. 4, 1796.
53	TEMPLE	Albany	Nov. 11, 1796.
55	GRANVILLE	Granville	Dec. 7, 1796.
58	SCIPIO	Scipio	March 22, 1796.
59	WESTERN STAR	Bridgewater	Jan. 18, 1797.
60	SUFFOLK	Smithtown	March 7, 1797.
61	CHOSEN FRIENDS	Demerara *	Nov. 12, 1801.
62	ZION	Detroit	Sept. 3, 1806.
63	MORTON	Hempstead	June 23, 1797.
64	ST. PAUL	Canajoharie	Jan. 5, 1798.
67	MORIAH	Marbletown	Jan. 8, 1798.
68	RENSSELAER	Rensselaerville	March 7, 1798.
70	SHARON FELICITY	Sharon	March 13, 1798.
74	SALEM	North Salem	Dec. 20, 1798.
75	WALTON	Duanesburgh	Jan. 2, 1799.
76	HOMER	Shatlecke	Jan. 3, 1799.
77	FRANKLIN	Charlestown	Jan. 4, 1799.

* Practically extinct.

Lodge.	Location.	Date of Warrant.
78 UNITED BRETHREN	Cazenovia	Jan. 5, 1799.
79 BINGHAMTON	Binghamton	Jan. 7, 1799.
80 VILLAGE	Marcellus	Jan. 8, 1799.
81 WADSWORTH	Nassau	Jan. 9, 1799.
82 ROMAN	Rome	Feb. 13, 1799.
83 FEDERAL	Paris	Nov. 23, 1799.
84 FORTITUDE	Brooklyn	Dec. 4, 1799.
85 HORIZONTAL	Carmel	Dec. 4, 1799.
86 MORTON	Schenectady	April 20, 1800.
87 ASYLUM	Westerlo	April 21, 1800.
88 HIRAM	Aurelius	March 25, 1800.
89 HERSCHEL	Hartford	June 30, 1801.
90 ST. JOHN'S	Greenfield	Feb. 12, 1802.
91 MORTON	Walton	Feb. 12, 1802.
92 ST. LAWRENCE	Kortright	June 29, 1802.
93 MILITARY	Manlius	Sept. 2, 1802.
94 PEGEUS	New Berlin	Sept. 2, 1802.
95 FRIENDSHIP	Stephentown	Oct. 8, 1802.
96 FARMERS'	Easton	Dec. 4, 1802.
97 MOUNT VERNON	Vernon	Jan. 21, 1803.
98 ONONDAGA	Onondaga	Jan. 21, 1803.
99 VERNON	Hillsdale	June 4, 1803.
100 ARMOUR	Rye	June 10, 1803.
102 OLIVE BRANCH	Minisink	Dec. 9, 1803.
103 CONSTELLATION	Mayfield	Feb. 11, 1804.
104 HIRAM	Bern	Feb. 25, 1804.
105 WESTERN LIGHT	Lisle	March 20, 1804.
106 MALTA	Malta	March 22, 1804.
107 FARMERS'	Turin	March 7, 1804.
108 UNITED	Marlborough	April 3, 1804.
109 SULLIVAN	Sullivan	June 29, 1804.
111 HAMPTON	Sag Harbor	July 9, 1804.
112 MOUNT MORIAH	Palmyra	July 9, 1804.
113 BETHLEHEM	Bethlehem	July 27, 1804.
114 CHARITY	Worcester	Aug. 30, 1804.
116 FRIENDSHIP	Durham	Nov. 28, 1804.
117 REVIVAL	Windham	Dec. 5, 1804.
118 FRIENDSHIP	Milton	March 22, 1805.
120 KING SOLOMON'S	Dover	April 11, 1805.
121 HAMILTON	Hamilton	April 16, 1805.
123 ONEIDA	Utica	June 5, 1805.
124 HOPEWELL	Fishkill	June 5, 1805.
125 RISING SUN	Adams	June 5, 1805.
126 RISING SUN	Greenwich	June 5, 1805.
127 MACHIN	Charleston	Nov. 6, 1805.
129 FRIENDSHIP	Bainbridge	Dec. 26, 1805.
130 GENESEE	Avon	Feb. 13, 1806.
131 HIRAM	Newburgh	Feb. 19, 1806.
132 MOUNT MORIAH	New York	March 5, 1806.
133 SHERBURN	Sherburn	March 5, 1806.
134 HAMILTON	Palatine	March 5, 1806.
135 RISING SUN	Springfield	March 5, 1806.
137 HOMER	Homer	May 9, 1806.
138 GENESEE	Richmond	June 14, 1806.
140 FRIENDSHIP	Oswego	June 24, 1806.
142 BENEVOLENT	New York	Sept. 3, 1806.
143 CLINTON	New York	Sept. 3, 1806.
144 HAMILTON	Queensbury	Oct. 22, 1806.
145 WHITEHALL SOCIAL	Whitehall	Dec. 3, 1806.
146 CHAMPION	Champion	Dec. 3, 1806.
147 BROTHER	Fort Ann	Dec. 3, 1806.
148 NORTHERN CONSTELLATION	Malone	Dec. 3, 1806.
149 FARMERS'	Half Moon	Dec. 3, 1806.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

	LODGE.	Location.	Date of Warrant.
150	ORIENT.....	Denmark.....	Dec. 3, 1806.
151	CLINTON.....	Plattsburg.....	Dec. 3, 1806.
152	ESSEX.....	Essex.....	Feb. 14, 1807.
153	WOOD'S.....	New York.....	March 4, 1807.
154	HARMONY.....	Champlain.....	March 4, 1807.
155	WARREN.....	Columbia.....	March 4, 1807.
156	PHILANTHROPIC.....	Pompey.....	March 4, 1807.
157	WARREN.....	Pine Plains.....	June 10, 1807.
158	NEW JERUSALEM.....	Bloomington, N. Y.....	June 10, 1807.
159	ST. TAMMANY.....	Hudson.....	Sept. 2, 1807.
160	ARK.....	Geneva.....	Sept. 2, 1807.
161	LOUISIANA.....	New Orleans, La.....	Sept. 2, 1807.
162	NORTH STAR.....	Northfield.....	Sept. 2, 1807.
163	NORTH LIGHT.....	De Kalb.....	Sept. 2, 1807.
164	JEFFERSON.....	Martinsburg.....	Sept. 3, 1807.
165	FARMERS'.....	Burlington.....	Dec. 2, 1807.
166	FARMERS'.....	Pompey.....	March 2, 1808.
167	ANGELICA.....	Angelica.....	June 1, 1808.
168	DELAWARE AND ULSTER.....	Middletown.....	June 1, 1808.
169	EAGLE.....	Spencer and Ulysses.....	July 1, 1808.
170	CHARITY.....	Tompkins.....	Sept. 7, 1808.
171	OCECLICK.....	German.....	Sept. 7, 1808.
172	ZION.....	Bloomfield.....	Sept. 7, 1808.
173	ST. PAUL'S.....	Beekman.....	Sept. 30, 1808.
174	NEWTOWN UNION.....	Newtown.....	Oct. 1, 1808.
175	TOMPKINS.....	Guilderland.....	Dec. 7, 1808.
176	SANGER.....	Tangerfield.....	Dec. 7, 1808.
177	HAMILTON.....	Madrid.....	March 1, 1809.
178	YATES.....	Schodack.....	March 1, 1809.
179	FREEDOM.....	Unadilla.....	March 1, 1809.
180	CASSIA.....	Delhi.....	March 1, 1809.
181	LE TEMPLE BIENFAISANCE.....	Havana, Cuba.....	March 6, 1809.
182	RICHFIELD.....	Richfield.....	April 18, 1809.
183	CLINTON.....	Clinton.....	June 1, 1809.
184	MERIDIAN.....	Ovid.....	Sept. 6, 1809.
185	RISING SUN.....	Northumberland.....	Sept. 6, 1809.
186	ST. LAWRENCE.....	Oswegatchie.....	Sept. 6, 1809.
187	HARMONY.....	Potsdam.....	Dec. 6, 1809.
188	PHILANTHROPIC.....	Camden.....	Dec. 7, 1809.
189	MOUNT MORIAH.....	Wallkill.....	Dec. 6, 1809.
190	VERNON.....	Benton.....	March 7, 1810.
191	MERIDIAN SUN.....	New Lisbon.....	May 24, 1810.
192	CHARITY.....	Spencer.....	July 13, 1810.
193	BENEVOLENCE.....	Hopkinton.....	Jan. 24, 1811.
194	TIOGA.....	Catharine.....	Feb. 4, 1811.
195	MORIAH.....	De Ruyter.....	Feb. 17, 1811.
196	SCIPIO MORNING STAR.....	Scipio.....	Nov. 18, 1811.
197	ARK.....	Windsor.....	Nov. 20, 1811.
198	HAMPTON.....	Westmoreland.....	Dec. 5, 1811.
199	MORNING STAR.....	Calro.....	Dec. 6, 1811.
200	SINCERITY.....	Phelps.....	Dec. 7, 1811.
201	PULTNEYVILLE.....	Pultneyville.....	Dec. 7, 1811.
202	CLINTON.....	Watervliet.....	Dec. 12, 1811.
203	PAINTED POST.....	Painted Post.....	March 14, 1812.
204	RISING SUN.....	Oxford.....	March 17, 1812.
205	WEST STAR.....	Sheldon.....	March 17, 1812.
206	RAINBOW.....	Chateaugay.....	March 18, 1812.
207	COLUMBIA.....	New Paltz.....	July 10, 1812.
208	EASTERN LIGHT.....	Greene.....	Sept. 2, 1812.
209	SOLOMON'S.....	White Plains.....	Nov. 13, 1812.
210	GILBOA.....	Blenheim.....	Dec. 2, 1812.
211	ADONIRAM.....	Pawlings.....	Dec. 16, 1812.
212	HARMONY.....	Riga.....	March 6, 1813.

Lodge.	Location.	Date of Warrant.
213 GENOA.....	Genoa.....	May 8, 1818.
214 FARMERS'.....	Verona.....	May 8, 1818.
215 OLIVE BRANCH.....	Batavia.....	May 20, 1818.
216 HEBRON.....	Hebron.....	May 21, 1818.
217 MORALITY.....	Cobleskill.....	May 23, 1818.
218 SCHUYLER.....	Saratoga.....	May 25, 1818.
219 SELECTED FRIENDS.....	Camillus.....	June 8, 1818.
220 WASHINGTON.....	Blooming Grove.....	June 10, 1818.
221 OLIVE BRANCH.....	Litchfield.....	June 10, 1818.
222 CLERMONT.....	Clermont.....	July 14, 1818.
223 MORNING STAR.....	Pittsford.....	Sept. 8, 1818.
224 CHARITY.....	Harpersfield.....	Sept. 27, 1818.
225 RISING VIRTUE.....	Luzerne.....	Oct. 6, 1818.
226 WESTERN STAR.....	Peterborough.....	Oct. 7, 1818.
227 AURORA.....	Meredith.....	Nov. 25, 1818.
228 RISING SUN.....	Trenton.....	Nov. 26, 1818.
229 SYLVAN.....	Sempronius.....	Nov. 27, 1818.
230 LAWRENCE.....	Montgomery.....	May 16, 1814.
231 CORNER-STONE.....	Munroe.....	May 26, 1814.
232 SCIENCE.....	Locke.....	June 2, 1814.
233 AUGUSTA.....	Augusta.....	June 2, 1814.
234 WASHINGTON.....	Manheim.....	June 11, 1814.
235 OXFORD.....	Oxford.....	July 7, 1814.
236 MORNING STAR.....	Albany.....	Oct. 11, 1814.
237 HESPER.....	Preble.....	Nov. 10, 1814.
238 MILFORD.....	Milford.....	Dec. 19, 1814.
239 WESTERN STAR.....	Buffalo.....	Dec. 24, 1814.

ROSTER.

ADAMS, PARMENIO (Major)..... Rising Star, 317
Died at Attica, N. Y., in 1832.

AULT, PETER..... Cuba, 306
AIKIN, ABRAHAM, JR..... Essex, 152

Served in the War of 1812; was in the United States service as Lieutenant and Captain 37th Regiment, afterwards Major. Some account of his services and of his family may be found in the "Elizabethtown Post" of August 12, 1897. He was commissioned Lieutenant February 11, 1811 in Captain (afterwards Major) John Richardson's Willaborough Company, and as such was in the United States service in August, 1813, at Murray's Raid on Plattsburgh. March 2, 1814, he was promoted to the command of the company, succeeding Major Richardson, and was again in service at the repulse of the British galleys at the mouth of the Boquet River, May 18, 1814, and also served with gallantry at the battle of Plattsburgh in September, 1814. He was subsequently (July 8, 1816) promoted Major. He resigned March 17, 1821. His brother, Capt. Martin James Aikin (Willsborough's first lawyer), enlisted and led the famous company of young men known as "Aikin's Volunteers" in the battle of Plattsburgh. Capt. Martin James Aikin died April 28, 1828, aged 37 years; buried in the Lynde Cemetery. Major Aikin's wife was Elizabeth Boynton, the first child born in Burlington, daughter of Job Boynton, a Revolutionary soldier, who served in the "Ticonderoga Alarm," and who came to Burlington about 1780, walking through the wilderness on snowshoes. Job Boynton died December 9, 1828, aged 81 years.

BELLINGER, DANIEL..... Olive Branch, 40
BARNET, ASA C..... St. John's 90
BROWN, JACOB (Major-General, U. S. A.)..... Watertown, 289

Brigadier-General, Fifth Brigade, New York detached militia in United States service on Canadian frontier, June, 1812, to July, 1813; also Brigadier-General, U. S. A., January 24, 1814. Received thanks of Congress, November 8, 1814, for gallantry in battles of Chippewa, Niagara.

- ara and Fort Erie, and presented with gold medal. Was Commander-in-Chief, U. S. A., June 1, 1821, until February 24, 1828, when he died.
- BROWN, ARCELAS, or ARCHELAUS.....Ellicottsville, 307
- BURKE, JOHN.....Home, 398
- BAIRD, THOMAS.....Speedsville, 265
- BROOKS, CAPT. LUCIUS.....Oneida, 270
- BARAGER, CHARLES.....Candor, 411
- Received a land grant of 160 acres and a pension.
- BISSELL, DR. DANIEL H.....Geneseo, 214
- BREWSTER, DYER.....Jerusalem Temple, 721
- BALDWIN, JACOB.....Cuba, 306
- BISHOP, ARCHIBALD.....Evansville, 55
- BALDWIN, LOTHROP.....Union, 95
- BARNEY, VINCENT G.....Newark, 83
- BARTLE, JAMES P.....Newark, 83
- BLACKMAR, JOSEPH.....Newark, 83
- BURT, JOHN, SR.....
- John Burt, Sr., served in the War of 1812 in the cavalry; was at the battle of Plattsburgh. He was an early settler in Essex. He died March 21, 1874, aged 86 years and 6 months; buried in Burt Cemetery. His son, John Burt, was Master of Slaco Lodge, No. 259, for six years during the time it was located at Whallonsburgh.
- BARKER, OLIVER, SR.....Essex, 159
- BARKER, OLIVER, JR.....Essex, 152
- BAXTER, BENJAMIN B.....Essex, 152
- Served in a company of "Horse" at the battle of Plattsburgh. Lived many years in Keene Valley on the farm to-day owned by Monroe Holt, and still spoken of as the "Baxter place." Born April 27, 1786. Died March 17, 1868. He died at Deacon Harry Glidden's, just west of the village of Elizabethtown. His funeral was a Masonic one.
- BLINN, BILLY (Thirty-seventh Regiment).....Essex, 152
- Died January 28, 1859.
- COLDEN, CADWALLADER D. (Colonel of Volunteers).....Holland, 8
- Senior Grand Warden.
- CHAPIN, CYRENIUS, M.D.....Western Star, 239
- CLARK, ASAH (Major).....
- Of Sandy Hill. Aide to Brigadier-General Pettit, 3d Brigade, N. Y. detached militia.
- CUYLER, EDWARD S.....Valley, 814
- CLEMONS, HINE.....Essex, 152
- Private in Capt. Ezra Parkhill's Co., 37th Regiment, Murray's Raid; also engaged "in transporting army baggage between Plattsburgh, Sackett's Harbor, and Buffalo, from August to October, 1814." Died about 1855, aged about 85.
- CHAUNCEY, ISAAC (Capt. U. S. N.).....Independent Royal Arch, 2
- This famous hero of the War of 1812 was born at Black Rock, Conn., February 20, 1772. His sea experience was gained in the merchant service, and when 19 years of age he was in command of one of the ships of John Jacob Astor (afterward Grand Treasurer). When the United States Navy was organized in 1798, he entered the service as a Lieutenant, and in 1802, when acting captain of the "Chesapeake," he distinguished himself in several actions off the coast of Tripoli, for which he received the thanks of Congress and was voted a sword of honor. The latter was a symbolic honor, however, for Congress thought no more about it and the sword was never ordered. When the War of 1812 commenced Chauncey was commandant of the Brooklyn Navy Yard and was appointed to a command on the great lakes, and his operations on sea and land won the admiration of his countrymen. His subsequent career was especially distinguished. He died at Washington, January 27, 1840, and was buried in the Congressional Cemetery, where a marble monument marks his grave.
- Commander Chauncey became a member of Independent Royal Arch, No. 2, in 1796.
- CHASE, ABRAHAM (Capt.).....Essex, 152
- Corporal and sergeant in Capt. John Richardson's and Capt. Abraham

Aikin, Jr.'s, Co., 37th Regiment, in United States service at Murray's Raid, also at Boquet River and battle of Plattsburgh; afterwards captain. Died August 27, 1866, aged 69 years; father of Dr. E. R. Chase and Allen M. Chase, of Essex, and of Hiram M. Chase, District-Attorney, 1855-58. His name appears on a roll of the company among Major John Richardson's papers in possession of Mrs. E. R. Chase.

- CALL, JOSEPH**.....Private in 37th Regiment. One of the most noted wrestlers of his time.
- DODGE, RICHARD (Brig.-Gen.)**.....St. Patrick's, 9
Master of St. Patrick's in 1805-6. In command of Fourth Brigade, 1812.
- DE LORD, HENRY**.....Columbia, 151
Judge of Clinton County Court of Common Pleas.
- DIKEMAN, DANIEL**.....Warwick, 544
- DOONE, NATHAN**.....Granville, 55
- DOUGLAS, THOMAS**.....Sherburne, 444
- DAVIDSON, PETER J.**.....Essex, 152
- DRYDEN, SIMEON, M.D. (Surgeon)**.....
Served as surgeon's mate, 37th Regiment, in Murray's Raid, and surgeon same regiment at battle of Plattsburgh. Departed this life April 10, 1824, in the 35th year of his age.
- DAYAN, CHARLES**.....Lowville, 184
Born at Amsterdam, N. Y., 1792. Educated for the bar and settled in practice in Lowville in 1809. Elected to State Senate in 1826, and served as President pro tem., while Lieutenant-Governor Pilcher was acting Governor. In 1830, in the height of the anti-Masonic persecution, he was elected to Congress from the then Twentieth District (New York). He boldly proclaimed his adherence to Masonry, and in after life took considerable pride in declaring that he was elected as a Mason. In 1840 he became District-Attorney for Lewis County and served as such for five years. He was made a Mason in Jefferson Lodge, No. 64, in 1816. In 1848 he was elected first Master of Lowville Lodge.
- ECKFORD, HENRY**.....Fortitude, 84
This famous naval constructor built many of the vessels which so gallantly upheld the prowess of the United States and aided so emphatically in the glory of the American Navy. In 1820 he was Naval Constructor at Brooklyn. Born at Irvine, Ayrshire, Scotland, 1775. Died at Constantinople, Turkey, 1832.
Was the first Junior Warden of Fortitude Lodge. Full biography in all American biographical dictionaries.
- ELY, LINUS (Surgeon)**.....Clyde, 341
- ELMORE, ASA**.....Clyde, 151
- EMERY, SAMUEL**.....Essex, 152
- EDSON, DEAN (Adjutant)**.....
District-Attorney of Essex County in 1821-28.
- FRANCIS, JOHN F. (Colonel)**.....
Battle of New Orleans.
- FARRINGTON, PUTNAM (Lieutenant-Colonel Thirteenth Regiment)**.....Cassia, 180
- FARRINGTON, MORRIS L.**.....Cassia, 180
Master of Cassia Lodge, No. 180, and charter member of Delhi Lodge, 439.
- FORBES, JOHN**.....Clinton, 151
- FLINT, DAVID**.....Clinton, 151
- FERRINGTON, VERCAL**.....Cherry Creek, 384
- FERRIS, DARIUS**.....Oneida, 270
- GALE, JOHN**.....
Second Lieutenant Orange County Militia.
- GILMORE, WILLIAM**.....Constellation, 108
- GORTON, OTHEL**.....
Served at Stonington, Conn. Died 1872.
- GREGORY, NOYSE P.**.....Clinton, 151
- GROSS, EZRA CARTER**.....Valley, 314
Master of Lodge. Thirty-seventh Regiment, and served with distinction at battle of Plattsburgh. Surrogate, 1815-19. Member of Congress, 1819-21. Member of Assembly, 1828-29. Died 1829.

HARTSHORN, CHARLES.....	Constellation, 108
Served at Sackett's Harbor. Died 1869.	
HENDRICK, BENJAMIN (Surgeon).....	St. John's, 90
HEWITT, RICHARD.....	St. John's, 90
HOLMES, DANIEL.....	
Possibly a member of Genesee Lodge, No. 138, Richmond. His son, Daniel Holmes, Past Master of Monroe Lodge, No. 178, Brockport, has his mark medal inscribed, "Daniel Holmes, Genesee M. M. Lodge, No. 59, 5814."	
HUDSON, LEMUEL (M.D.).....	Jefferson, 382
HATCH, C. B.....	Essex, 152
HALSTEAD, PLATT R.....	Essex, 152
HAY, ARCHIBALD.....	Granville, 55
HOFF, JOHN.....	Newark, 88
HURD, TIMOTHY (Captain).....	Dundee, 123
Afterward Brigadier-General of Militia.	
HAILE, WILLIAM F.....	Clinton, 151
Appointed from Vermont. Ensign Eleventh United States Infantry, May 27, 1812; Second Lieutenant, March 13, 1812; First Lieutenant, August 15, 1813; Captain, May 14, 1818; resigned February 28, 1823.	
HATCH, C. B.....	Spencer, 290
HUGG, MILTON.....	Warwick, 544
HOTT, MAURICE.....	Oneida, 277
HOWE, LORENZO (Major).....	Essex, 152
HAYWARD, DANIEL.....	
Daniel Hayward of Willsborough, father of David S. Hayward of Essex, and of Albert Hayward of Willsborough. He served in the War of 1812. He "died December 15, 1858, aged seventy-two years"; buried in the Gilliland Cemetery. His father, Ephraim Hayward, served for seven years in the New Jersey Continental Line in the War of the Revolution and was an early settler in Essex, on Jersey Street, where Wilbur M. French now lives.	
HAWLEY, HENRY A. (Capt.).....	Essex, 152
Captain of Riflemen in 37th Regiment, War of 1812. Initiated in Essex Lodge, 1809.	
HOLCOMB, DIODORUS (M.D.).....	Essex, 152
Surgeon's mate in 37th Regiment. Born in Connecticut, February 2, 1780. Died September 25, 1859.	
HENDERSON, IRA.....	Essex, 152
Born near Fort Ann, Washington County, N.Y., June 9, 1791. At the time of the battle of Plattsburgh he did valiant service as a member of Captain Levi Hinckley's Co., 37th Regiment, 40th Brigade, commanded by Gen. Wright. He was injured in the battle of Plattsburgh, and in 1820 was discharged from military duty on account of permanent disability. Dr. Diodorus Holcomb of Westport and Dr. Simeon Dryden of Essex were the authorized examining surgeons. Mr. Henderson's eldest daughter, Mrs. M. A. Richards, widow of the late William Richards, still lives in Westport, being in her eighty-fifth year. A sister of Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Bigalow, lives in Minneapolis. Mr. Henderson died at Westport December 17, 1873, in the eighty-third year of his age, and was buried under Masonic auspices.	
JOSLIN, ANDREW.....	Olive Branch, 40
JONES, ABRAHAM L.....	
In Abel Foster's artillery company. Volunteered as minute man under Captain Abel Foster; on duty at Narrows and at Plattsburgh. Information given by his son, a member of Valley Lodge, 109.	
KNAPP, WILLIAM.....	Olive Branch, 244
KNAPP, DANIEL.....	Olive Branch, 244
KNOX, HON. Z.....	Lowville, 134
LITTLEJOHN, JOHN (Captain).....	Olive Branch, 40
Severely wounded at Lundy's Lane.	
LIVINGSTON, STEPHEN.....	Constellation, 108
At Sackett's Harbor. Died 1868.	

- LAWRENCE, JAMES** Born, Burlington, N. J., 1781; died at sea, June 6, 1813. His last great fight, that between his "Chesapeake" and the British frigate "Shannon," in which he was mortally wounded, occurred at sea thirty miles off the Massachusetts coast. 8
- LEWIS, MORGAN** Holland, 8
Grand Master 1830 to 1843. Full details of his public career can readily be found in the histories of the period, and his Masonic record is detailed in McClenachan's "History of Freemasonry in New York," vol. ii., page 609.
- LEE, MARTIN** Granville, 55
- LYON, GERSHOM** Essex, 152
Died June 29, 1872.
- MILLS, JOHN** Temple, 14
Commander of a military company raised in Albany. Killed at Sackett's Harbor, May 29, 1814. (See Lossing's "War of 1812," p. 617.)
- MURPHY, ELIJAH (Musician)** Washington, 11
- MORTON, JACOB (Grand Master, 1801-1806)** St. John's, 1
Major-General, 1815. (See McClenachan's "History of Freemasonry in New York," vol. ii., p. 190; Tompkins's "Military Papers," edited by Hugh Hastings, State Historian; and Guernsey's "New York City in War of 1812.")
- MAXWELL, THOMAS (Quartermaster)** Union, 95
- MYERS, MORDECAI (Captain, Thirteenth U. S. Infantry)**
Grand Master of "Phillips Grand Lodge." (See sketch in Lossing's "War of 1812," pp. 641 and 654, and in McClenachan's "History of Freemasonry in New York," vol. iii., p. 395.)
- MOORE, BENJAMIN (Major-General)**
Commanded at battle of Plattsburgh, Sept. 11, 1814. Member of New York legislature for many years. Died at Plattsburgh, N. Y., February 20, 1838. (See Lossing's "War of 1812"; Gov. Tompkins's "Papers," etc.)
- MULLIGAN, JOHN W. (Lieutenant-Colonel)** Warren, 17
Was born in 1768. He was elected Grand Treasurer in 1814, and Deputy Grand Master in 1820. He died January 17, 1862, retaining to the last his interest in the Craft.
- MCKENZIE, ALEX. (Captain)** Morning Star, 142
Captain of a cavalry troop. Master of his Lodge.
- MCNEIL, CHARLES, JR.** Essex, 152
His father, Captain Charles McNeil, served in the Revolution, and his grandfather, Captain Archibald McNeil, of Litchfield, Conn., served six years in the "old French War." He died in the United States service, December 10, 1812, on the Canada line, a Lieutenant in the Eighth Regiment, New York detached militia. He had been in command of his company, formerly Captain John Richardson's, from October 1, 1812, and was in command of it October 22, 1812, in the attack on and capture of St. Regis by the American forces. He is highly commended in the accounts of the affair. (See Lossing, p. 375; also "Brannan's Official Letters," p. 86, in Major Guilford Dudley Young's report to General Joseph Bloomfield, U. S. A.; also in Major Young's report to the Governor, Tompkins's "Papers," MSS., State Library, vol. iii., p. 309.) He was a brother of Mrs. Ransom Noble, also of David McNeil, No. 25, and cousin of David B. McNeil (see below). His letters while in the United States service to his brother-in-law, Major (afterwards Colonel) Noble, are in the possession of Brother Henry Harmon Noble, of Iroquois Lodge, No. 715, one dated only six days before his death.
- MCNEIL, DAVID** Essex, 152
Born in Litchfield, Conn., January 3, 1774. Brother of Charles McNeil, Jr.; served in the War of 1812. Was in United States service on the "Niagara Frontier" as a private in Captain Thomas Davis's company, Lieutenant-Colonel Philetus Swift's Seventy-First Regiment, 1813, and in Captain Jenks Pullen's company, Lieutenant-Colonel Caleb Hopkins, First Regiment detached militia, 1814, at Fort Erie.
- MCNEIL, DAVID BREAKENRIDGE** Essex, 152
Son of John McNeil, of Charlotte, and grandson of Captain Archibald

McNeill, of Litchfield. He was in the United States service in the War of 1812, as Adjutant of the Thirty-seventh Regiment and Brigade-Major and Inspector of the Fortieth Brigade, and acted as Assistant Adjutant-General to Major-General Mooers at the battle of Plattsburgh; was collector of the port of Champlain, and held many important positions, civil and military. He was born in Charlotte, December 1, 1787, and died February 12, 1863, in Montreal; buried in Plattsburgh. He was secretary of the Lodge in 1811. His son, Charles H. McNeill, of Plattsburgh, has his Masonic diploma, and many interesting and valuable papers.

NELSON, JULIUS C. Olive Branch, 40
 NOBLE, RUSSELL Olive Branch, 244
 NEWELL, ELIJAH (Captain) Valley, 314
 NOBLE, DANIEL (Sergeant) Northern Constellation, 148
 Served in Thirty-seventh Regiment.

NICHOLS, JOHN Clinton, 151
 Private in Eleventh United States Infantry, March 22, 1813, to May 28, 1815. Died at Plattsburgh, January 9, 1861, aged seventy-eight years.

NOBLE, RANSOM Essex, 152

He was in the United States service in 1812, as Second Major in Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Miller's Eighth Regiment, New York detached militia. This was in Brigadier-General Micaiah Pettit's Third Brigade and Major-General Benjamin Mooers's Second Division.

Major Noble's battalion was stationed at Chateaugay and St. Regis; it included the company of Captain John Richardson, Lieutenant Charles McNeill, and Ensign Ezra Parkhill, heretofore mentioned. He was again in the United States service as Major-Commandant of the Thirty-seventh Regiment at Murray's Raid, Plattsburgh, August, 1813, and ordered out and commanded the regiment as its Lieutenant-Commandant at the repulse of the British galleys at the mouth of the Boquet River, May 13, 1814, as is shown by the affidavits of Major John Richardson and of Job Stafford (the latter being severely wounded in the engagement) in the Pension Bureau at Washington, and by the letter of General Daniel Wright to Governor Tompkins, May 15th, as in Tompkins's "Papers" (MS.), vol. ix., pp. 106-108, State Library, Albany. He was also in service at Plattsburgh, September, 1814.

His military papers and also a number of letters from his brother-in-law, Lieutenant Charles McNeill, Jr., while in service on the Canadian frontier, are in possession of his grandson, Brother Henry Harmon Noble. General Noble was supervisor of Essex in 1825-6, but gave little attention to public affairs, devoting most of his time to his extensive business interests, which were too well known to require notice here. He was born at New Milford, Conn., August 16, 1778; went to Essex, January 3, 1800; and died at the house of his son, Harmon Noble, June 5, 1863; buried at Essex.

PRIOR, JOHN (Lieutenant-Colonel) St. John's, 90
 PAIGE, JOHN KEYES (Captain Nineteenth U. S. Infantry) Morton, 86
 (See F. B. Hough's "Biographical Notes.")

PECK, ALLAN Essex, 152
 PARKHILL, EZRA (Colonel) Essex, 152

In United States service, in War of 1812, as Ensign of Captain John Richardson's Company, 8th Regiment, on the Canadian frontier, also as Lieutenant and Captain in the 37th Regiment at Murray's Raid, Boquet River, and battle of Plattsburgh; afterwards Colonel of the regiment. Born February 15, 1785; died March 14, 1848. Buried in Lake View.

PARTRIDGE, ELIJAH Canadea, 357
 PALMER, JOSEPH, JR. Cuba, 310
 ROWLEY, LEE T. Granville, 55
 REED, JOHN Newark, 83
 RUMSEY, WILLIAM (Colonel) Olive Branch, 215

Commanded a regiment on the Niagara frontier, and made a creditable record. He died June 3, 1820.—David Seaver.

REDFIELD, LUTHER (Captain) Clyde, 841
 RHODES, DANIEL Fortitude, 84

First Senior Warden of Fortitude Lodge (now No. 19). Was a member of the military company known as the "Katy-dids."

RIKER, TUNIS.....	Spencer, 290
ROSS, WILLIAM D. (Major).....	Essex, 152
Brigade Quartermaster.	
ROLFE, WILLIAM (Capt.).....	Essex, 152
87th Regiment, 1813; served as a "veteran exempt" at battle of Plattsburgh. Died June 27, 1839.	
RICHARDSON, JOHN (Major).....	Essex, 152
Secretary; was Captain 8th Regiment detached militia in United States service on the Canadian frontier in the year of 1812, and Captain and First Major 87th Regiment; also in United States service, Murray's Raid, Plattsburgh, August, 1813, and at repulse of British galleys at mouth of Boquet River, May 13, 1814, as shown by his affidavit in Pension Bureau at Washington, and at battle of Plattsburgh. Died May 12, 1858, aged 73 years; buried in Lynde Cemetery. Was Secretary of Essex Lodge. Data supplied by his daughter, Mrs. E. R. Chase.	
ROSS, HENRY H. (Capt.).....	Essex, 152
One of Essex County's most distinguished sons. Born in Essex, May 9, 1790; son of Judge Daniel Ross and Elizabeth, daughter of William Gilliland. Graduated at Columbia College, 1808. Was Adjutant of the 87th Regiment; acted on the staff of General Macomb at the battle of Plattsburgh, and was commended in General Orders "for gallantry." He was subsequently Brigade Inspector 40th Brigade, Colonel 87th Regiment, Brigadier-General 40th Brigade, and Major-General 11th Division. Member of Congress, 1825-26; County Judge, 1847; President of the Electoral College of New York, 1848. He died September 14, 1863. Master of Essex Lodge in 1819.	
SMITH, RICHARD.....	Olive Branch, 40
SCHUYLER, LUCAS.....	Temple, 14
SCOTT, LEWIS (Lieut.-Col.).....	St. John's, 80
SMITH, MELANCTHON (Col.).....	Clinton, 151
First Major 8th Regiment, 8d Brigade, New York detached militia, 1812; also Major 29th Infantry United States Army, February 20, 1813, and Colonel same, April 12, 1813. Died in Philadelphia, August 18, 1818, aged 38 years. (See Lossing, page 361, for sketch.) His tombstone has Masonic emblems.	
SHOBMAKER, ROBERT.....	Amicable, 36
Major; Sackett's Harbor; see service in Maryland "Roll" of Society of the War of 1812.	
SCOTT, WILLIAM.....	Speedville, 265
SPENCER, SYLVESTER.....	Caneadea, 357
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SAFFORD, HIRAM.....	
Battle of Plattsburgh.	
SKINNER, JOSEPH (Major).....	
Deputy Commissary of Military Stores. Captured by the British, but rescued at Plattsburgh. In a letter to Governor Tompkins he described himself as "a man and a Mason."	
SHELDON, CHAUNCEY L.....	Olive Branch, 244
Chauncey L. Sheldon was born in Vermont, January 10, 1786; came to Warsaw, N. Y., in 1811; was in War of 1812 and Patriot War of 1837-8; captured and tried by court martial; sentenced to be shot. When led out for execution he refused to obey the order to kneel, saying that he never had bowed the knee to Great Britain and he never would; that when they shot him they would do it standing, and in the face, but never in the back. These firm and resolute responses brought the officer in command to the scene, when Sheldon, as his last hope, gave him the	

Masonic grand hailing sign of distress, which was recognized and the order for his execution was countermanded. He was afterwards tried and sentenced to Van Dieman's Land at hard labor for life. He was pardoned in 1844, and came back to Warsaw in 1846. He died in 1868, at Ray, Mich. Sheldon, along with William Knapp, Jr., Russell Noble, Daniel Knapp, and Chester Warriner, petitioned Grand Lodge for a warrant for a Lodge at Warsaw, N. Y., in 1814. Dispensation issued March 15, 1814; warrant issued, June 9, 1815.

[Communicated by J. O. McClure, Watkins, N. Y.]

SCOFIELD, JACOB SMITH (Corporal).....Morning Star, 199

Jacob Smith Scofield, son of Smith Scofield, a Revolutionary soldier, was born at Milton, Ulster County, N. Y., September 9, 1791. He was a descendant of Daniel Schofield, who emigrated to this country from England, in 1639, and was one of the original settlers of Stamford, Conn., in 1641. Shortly after his birth the family removed to Windham, Greene County, N. Y. He enlisted as Fourth Corporal in Capt. L. B. Canfield's Company, Twenty-third Regiment, U. S. Infantry (Col. D. Brown), February 1, 1818, for eighteen months, and was discharged at Greenbush, N. Y., August 8, 1814.

This regiment was located at Sackett's Harbor, N. Y. He re-enlisted as a Corporal in Capt. O. Thorne's Company, First Regiment, New York Militia (Lieutenant-Colonel I. Belknap, Jr.), from August 18 to December 8, 1814, thereby serving all through the War of 1812. June 14, 1816, he joined Morning Star Lodge, No. 199, located at Cairo, Greene County, New York. In 1834, he removed to the State of Ohio, and remained a Mason in good standing until his death, which occurred at Venice, Erie County, Ohio, June 28, 1848.

[Communicated by Mr. W. J. McKelvey, Rochester, N. Y.]

TOWNSEND, ZACHARIAH (Captain).....Paris, 348

TOMPKINS, DANIEL D.....

Grand Secretary, 1801-1805; Grand Master, 1820-21. Was governor of State of New York, 1807-17, and as such was commander-in-chief of the State forces.

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TUTTLE, CHAUNCEY D.....

Chauncey D. Tuttle served in the War of 1812, at battle of Plattsburgh, in Capt. Durham Sprague's company from Clarendon, Vt. Came to Essex in April, 1836, from Rutland, Vt., and lived in Essex until his death, July 16, 1861.

TAYLOR, LEVI.....Watertown, 289

Levi Taylor, a lineal descendant of John Taylor, who came from England in 1630 with Governor Winthrop, was born in Hartland, Windsor County, Vt., May 25, 1792. At the age of twenty-one he left Vermont for Watertown, N. Y. There he received the three degrees of Free Masonry. Watertown Lodge, 289, was then working under a dispensation. His entrance into the Order must have been between 1814 and 1817, for in 1817 he moved to Ontario County, and from that county to Niagara, which county was his home until March, 1837. While at Watertown he became a member of Capt. Stephen Gifford's company, New York State Volunteers or Militia, and for some time was at Sackett's Harbor. When he was no longer needed as a soldier, he engaged in the peaceful work as a builder. In 1818, September 10th, he married Lucy Reed, of Gorham, Ontario County. She was the daughter of Silas Reed, a Revolutionary soldier. At the time of his marriage, Lewiston, Niagara County, was his home.

After three or four years' residence in that town he moved to Lockport, and there resided until he migrated to Michigan. It was in Lockport that he was exalted a Royal Arch Mason. I am confident he was in the first team after Amos Chapter was initiated (I think) in 1823. He had visited with the Lodge at its first organization. He received the Royal and Select Master's in Bruce Council (I think) in 1827. Levi Taylor was in partnership with Eli Bruce in the chairmaking business,

and the two families were on the most intimate terms. During that Anti-Masonic excitement of 1826 to 1836 Levi Taylor was associated with such Masons as Judge Gardner, Henry W. Campbell, Peter Murphy, etc. Leaving New York in March, 1837, he made his home in Ypsilanti until January, 1838, when he moved to Ionia, where he resided until his death, February, 1871. It was not until June, 1849, that a Lodge was initiated under dispensation in Ionia, and he was the first Worshipful Master. He had five sons, all of whom followed in his steps, becoming members of the Order. In January, 1856, Ionia Chapter was instituted, and he was elected its Treasurer. In 1861 Ionia Council was organized, and he filled the part of the Grand Sentinel, though he had not been in an Assembly since 1827. In 1861 Ionia Commandery was instituted, and, on account of his zeal in organizing Ionia Lodge, the Commandery conferred upon him the Order of Knighthood, in May, 1867, his oldest son, Palmer H. Taylor, being the Eminent Commander. Up to this date there is no record of a son conferring the Templar degree over his own father.

A life-size photograph of Levi Taylor graces the walls of Ionia Lodge.
[Communicated by P. H. Taylor, Ionia, Mich., Past Master of
Ionia Lodge, No. 36, Michigan.]

WARRINER, CHARLES.....Olive Branch, 244
WOLCOTT, THOMAS.....Montgomery, 42
Lundy's Lane.

WHEELER, NATHAN.....Unity, 9
WALWORTH, REUBEN HYDE.....Clinton, 151
Adjutant General of New York Militia; Aide to General Benjamin Mooers. Grand Master, 1853. Chancellor of New York, 1828 until 1848, when the office was abolished. (See McClenahan's "History of Freemasonry in New York," vol. iii., p. 474, and throughout the volume generally.)

WEBSTER, GEORGE H.....Clinton, 151
WADHAMS, LUMAN.....Valley, 314

Senior Warden of his Lodge. Born in New Milford, Conn., March 5, 1772. Was commissioned Captain February 11, 1811; Second Major, March 2, 1814; Lieutenant-Colonel, March 22, 1816, and Colonel, March 4, 1817, of the Thirty-seventh Regiment, and Brigadier-General of the Fortieth Brigade, March 17, 1831. Resigned March 19, 1834. He was in the United States service as Captain, Murray's Raid, and as Second Major at the Boquet River and battle of Plattsburgh, where he was commended for "gallantry and good conduct." He died April 19, 1882. Buried at Wadhams' Mills.

WAIT, ROSWELL.....Clinton, 151
WINCHELL, MARTIN.....Clinton, 151
WOODWARD, JONATHAN.....Clinton, 151
WOOD, BENJAMIN.....Richmond, 46

The first Master of old Richmond Lodge, No. 384, when it received its charter, in 1826, from the (city) Grand Lodge. A local newspaper thus sketched his career:

"It is a notable fact that this distinguished Brother wielded the gavel with unflinching dignity, firmness, and devotion during the 'dark days of Masonry' in this jurisdiction; and it is equally remarkable that this Lodge, which he founded, was one of the few who stood by their faith from the beginning, and never faltered in the noble mission which Masonry imposes.

"Of late years, by reason of advanced age and incidental bodily infirmity, his opportunities for attendance have been measurably interfered with; but the heart was in the right place, and, when the Grand Architect summoned him above, as good a Mason passed from earth as ever entered the portals of the Lodge.

"This aged veteran of the War of 1812 has just died in Brooklyn. His life has extended through three average generations. Thirty years ago—say 1845—few men were better known in New York City and vicinity than he.

"Benjamin Wood was born in New City, Orange (now Rockland

County), July 30, 1780, and lived a few weeks beyond his ninety-fifth birthday. . . . He came to New York at fourteen years of age to seek business, and engaged himself at first as an apprentice to a silversmith in Maiden Lane.

"In 1812, having been some years established in a business of his own, he raised, at his own expense, a company of volunteers, 125 in number, in the war against Great Britain. He was stationed first at Ellis Island, then at New Utrecht, and finally at Sandy Hook. During the war he received a Captain's commission in the Twenty-seventh United States Infantry, and served until June 5, 1815, when the army was disbanded.

"Captain Wood mounted and fired the first gun put into Fort Lafayette, at the Narrows. He was Officer of the Day at Sandy Hook, and boarded the vessel that brought the news of peace in 1815, and was the first man in the country to receive the good news. He was the Boarding Officer in the Revenue Service at Quarantine from 1821 to 1841, and during that period exerted an almost controlling influence in the politics of Staten Island, and it was an influence never tarnished by an unworthy act.

"At last, in 1876, he came to his death, like a shock of corn fully ripe. His life was eminently Christian. He cherished from his early manhood the Christian hope, and exemplified it always by true devotion to his Divine Master and by an untiring consecration to his Church. He has now exchanged the infirmities of age for the rests and rewards of heaven."

- WORTH, WILLIAM JENKINS..... Franklin, 90
 Rose to the rank of Major in War of 1812. The hero of the Mexican war. (See sketch in any biographical dictionary, and McClenahan's "History of Freemasonry," vol. iii., pp. 212, 529.)
 WESTCOTT, REUBEN (Captain)..... Apollo, 18
 YOUNG, GUILFORD DUDLEY.....
 Major, May 20, 1812; in U. S. service on Canada frontier, 1812-18; as Second Major, Eighth Regiment, Third Brigade, detached militia, succeeded Major Ransom Noble August 26, 1812; captured, St. Regis, October 22, 1812; Major Twenty-ninth Infantry, U. S. A., February 20, 1813, and Lieutenant-Colonel Twenty-ninth Infantry, April 12, 1813. Killed August 18, 1818, in Miranda's expedition to Mexico.

Fraternally submitted,

PETER ROSS,
Historian.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS.

R. W. WILLIAM JOHNSTON, from the Committee on Accounts, presented the following report, which was received and ordered printed in the Proceedings :

To the Grand Lodge:

The Committee on Accounts, to whom was entrusted the examination of the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for the past Masonic year, begs to report having fulfilled its duties, and that, after strict search in and about the various books and vouchers of the aforesaid officers, it has been unable to discover anything but what is of an entirely correct and satisfactory character.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM JOHNSTON,
Chairman.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ANTIQUITIES.

R. W. WILLIAM H. ANDREWS, from the Committee on Antiquities, presented the report of said committee, which was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

To the Grand Lodge:

The fifteenth annual report of the Committee on Antiquities is herewith respectfully submitted.

In its last report, this committee pointed out that there was in its possession a quantity of coins and medals, which, though valuable, were not of a Masonic character, and were therefore unsuitable for this collection, and asked instructions from Grand Lodge as to their disposition, and whether they could be sold, or otherwise disposed of, without the consent of the individual donors.

No attention having been given to this request, it is again respectfully repeated. These articles cannot properly be exhibited; they are of value; what is to be done with them?

This committee also reported last year that the cash balance in its hands, applicable to its uses, was \$131.76, but that by economical management it was hoped to make this sum suffice for the year, and that no appropriation would therefore be asked from Grand Lodge.

This portion of the committee's report received prompt attention. The Committee on Finance of the Grand Lodge, in its final report (Transactions 1900, page 396), adopted the following resolution, which was approved by Grand Lodge, viz.:

"And the committee do further recommend that any unexpended balance of the moneys heretofore appropriated for the Committee on Antiquities be by them paid over to the Grand Librarian for the general purposes of the Grand Lodge Library."

While this action was unexpected and seemed uncalled for, there could be no misconstruction of so carefully worded a resolution, nor any room for mistake as to its plain meaning.

Your committee therefore hastened to comply with the wish of Grand Lodge thus courteously expressed, and at once paid over to the Grand Librarian all moneys in its possession. This included the sum of \$900, which the committee has had in hand for several years as a fund for printing a catalogue of books in the library; as well as the balance of \$131.76 before mentioned.

This committee entertains no doubt that the money so received by the Grand Librarian has been by him well and usefully expended "for the general purposes of the Grand Lodge Library." Nevertheless, this committee has been left without means to carry on its own work; a result which, in view of the favorable opinions heretofore expressed of what it has accomplished, would seem to afford cause for justifiable regret.

Several acquisitions to the collection have been made during the year, including a number of medals, and a jewel presented by Washington

Chapter, No. 3, of Portsmouth, N. H., to Companion J. B. HILL, in the year 1825. Worthy of mention is an Irish Knight Templar apron and certificate, dated December 22, 1800. These articles were the property of Robert McFadden, who came from Dublin to this country in the early part of the nineteenth century, and served through the Mexican War. They were presented to the committee by his sister, who still survives him at the age of ninety-four.

Twenty-one years ago, on February 26, 1880, the late R. W. JEROME BUCK wrote to the then Grand Master, M. W. CHARLES ROOME, and enclosed the Master Mason's certificate of BRO. JOHN DRAKE SLOAT in St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 3 (now defunct), dated October 16, 1805.

BRO. BUCK stated that BRO. SLOAT was a Rear Admiral of the United States Navy, and that it was he who first planted the Stars and Stripes in California.

This communication from BRO. BUCK was recently found among the papers of the late M. W. BRO. ROOME, by his son, REV. BRO. CLAUDIUS M. ROOME, and was sent by him to the Grand Secretary, who forwarded it to your committee. Through these circumstances, as well as from association, this certificate of ADMIRAL SLOAT may rightly be considered as one of the most interesting articles in the collection.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM H. ANDREWS,	} Committee.
MOSES S. SILVEIRA,	
LEROY B. SHERMAN,	
CHARLES B. WILKINSON,	
JACOB LOEWER,	
WILLIAM R. RELYEA,	
ALEXANDER A. CLARK (<i>ex-officio</i>),	

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

M. W. JESSE B. ANTHONY, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the report of said committee, which was received and ordered printed in the Appendix to the Proceedings.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF RELIEF.

The Masonic Board of Relief of the City of New York, Boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx, submitted the following report :

M. W. CHARLES W. MEAD,

Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

Dear Sir and Brother: The Masonic Board of Relief of the City of New York, Boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx, organized pursuant to action of Grand Lodge at its Annual Session in June, 1879, respectfully and fraternally submits its Twenty-second Annual Report, covering the year ended April 14, 1901.

FINANCIAL.

The receipts for the year were as follows :

Balance on hand April 14, 1900.....	\$7,602 45
Dues from Lodges.....	\$3,774 92
Donations, Empire City Lodge, No. 206.....	250 00
" Mecca Temple, N. M. S.....	100 00
" Moneys returned.....	240 00
" Sundry.....	71 00
Rents for 215 West 21st St.....	1,008 37
Interest.....	255 20
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	5,699 49
Total.....	<hr/> \$13,301 94

The disbursements for the year were as follows :

For charity on 175 warrants.....	\$1,705 65
" printing, books, and stationery.....	88 35
" repairs, etc., Shelter.....	46 48
" expenses, Shelter.....	20 16
" taxes and water rates, Shelter.....	208 80
" salary of secretary.....	300 00
" telegrams.....	12 07
" postage.....	14 15
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Total.....	2,345 66

Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	<hr/> \$10,956 28
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The financial report does not present any special features for comment except the generous donations from Empire City Lodge, and from Mecca Temple, N. M. S., for which we have expressed our appreciation. Our balance has increased materially, as will be noticed.

SHELTER.

The house purchased by this Board in 1899, for a Shelter, will come into our possession within the next month, and by June 1 will be occupied and used by us for the purposes so long in view. Plans for alterations have been adopted and it is believed will be generally commended. The cost of such alterations and the expense of furnishing the institution will be considerable, but we are pleased to know that we have ample funds for the purpose without calling upon the fraternity for contributions in aid of this worthy object.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

It is no longer necessary to advertise the merits of this Association to secure needed support. The fraternity of the United States and Canada recognize the

fact that without the aid given them by the Association its charitable funds would be wasted upon unworthy applicants for assistance, and that the ability to aid would be greatly diminished.

Since our last report the Association has published 175 impostors and unworthy applicants, and published the movements of 91 persons previously reported. Of this number our own Board has supplied the information in 27 cases. The number of original cases published since the organization in 1885 has been 2,854.

The Association will hold its next biennial session in the City of Buffalo in October, 1901.

MASONIC BURIAL PLOT.

During the year only two persons have been buried in our plot at Cypress Hills. Albert Grimm, a member of Quadratic Lodge, No. 1691, Hampton Court, England, was buried January 24th last. He was not known to us in life. From papers found at his rooms we were assured of his Lodge connection. He left a widow, whom some hospitable people sent home. In March last we buried a child of Isidor Dupasse, a brother from Kingston, Jamaica.

The condition of the plot is excellent, and yet it has cost us nothing during the year for care or repairs.

CASES OF INTEREST.

Case No. 1748. A brother from Ireland. Was sick, unable to work, and steadily growing worse in this climate. Developed consumption. As soon as he could be moved with safety was sent to his home in Ireland. We took care of him from December, 1899, until June, 1900, when he started for his home, where he expected to die, among his friends and kin. This was a case of more than ordinary interest, exciting much sympathy and generous outlay.

Case No. 1751. The wife of a Connecticut brother, who is blind and unable to support her. He was supported by his relatives, but she, with an invalid daughter, was living in a precarious manner in this city, the mother scrubbing offices in Harlem, and the daughter sewing when her bodily afflictions permitted her to do so. Was helped.

Case No. 1777. From Massachusetts. Lodge says he was made by it in 1852, receiving all the degrees, but he never signed its by-laws. Family asked aid to bury him, which we gave, but after a long correspondence Lodge was disinclined to do anything in the matter, and we did not press it. We paid the entire bill and transportation of body to Massachusetts.

Case No. 1843. A brother from Cuba. One of the best cases that ever came to the Board, and generously aided. Was willing and did work at anything he could get to do. Educated, yet not hesitating to accept the most trifling position. Wife and two children.

Case No. 1846. From Canada, but an unaffiliate, and restored while we were aiding him. Situation was secured for him and at once he was taken sick. A discontented man who wanted to do many things he couldn't do, and failed in nearly everything in which he had an interest. A case of bad luck and constant misdirection.

Case No. 1850. From Egypt, and a teacher of languages. Has travelled over much of the world on Masonry, but knows nothing above the Fellow Craft degree. Many Masonic papers, but knew little of them. Helped him slightly, though his demands were heavy.

Case No. 1861. A brother from Kingston, Jamaica, here since 1897, with wife and seven children. Had some money when he came, but has not been able to secure employment. Came to us when money was all gone, and with three months' rent unpaid. We believed him and verified his story. Since aiding him have had a letter from his Lodge in which we are informed he is in good standing. Children sick, one of them dying while he was an applicant. We buried the child in our plot, and have aided him to a large extent. He is now employed. This case aroused much sympathy. One of our delegates gave him a liberal check and tried to conceal the fact. This incident deserves more than the brief notice we are permitted to give it.

Case No. 1867. This brother, from Texas, came to us in a pitiable state of nervous prostration and demanded a loan so that he would not be obliged to refuse payment of his doctor's bill. Though he could not be convinced that a loan from us would have been a debt, yet he had a horror of any debt to others. We never loan money, but always give it to worthy applicants. He would not accept a gift of money, and believes money we gave him was a loan. He has not visited us in nearly two months—for further loans or other purpose.

Case No. 1878. This case is mentioned merely to show the apparent looseness of Masonic methods in other countries. The applicant is a colored brother from Scotland. He has not been in his Lodge in twelve years, but said that he was told by the Secretary that he need not, being a seafaring man, pay any dues while out of Scotland. He believed that, and though well posted in Masonic work, paid no further attention to his Lodge affairs. Evidently an honest man, we gave him the benefit of whatever doubts there might have been, and helped him both to money and employment. We believe it a worthy case.

During the course of the year we have had the average number of unaffiliates and otherwise questionable cases, and have been informed by brethren of the city of persons applying for aid to them, being slightly assisted, and proving themselves victims of a class entirely unworthy. It appears a most difficult matter to convince our New York brethren that giving, without investigation, is only a temporary satisfaction, in view of the future impulse to kick themselves for being too willing victims. All applications for relief should be sent to the officers of the Board, if only to save the sender some little regret, or worse.

GENERAL.

The number of Lodges contributing to the Board is increased since last report and there appears to be an increase in the interest manifested in our success. During the year our meetings have had more than a quorum present for the transaction of charitable work, notwithstanding heat and storm. We feel greatly encouraged by the zeal and interest displayed, and are led to believe that our Board will be supported by the brethren of this city so long as we prove ourselves worthy of it.

The occupation of our Shelter, now clearly in sight, we feel sure will prove popular, and are equally confident that it will not fall in its objects. We are impelled to again express our gratitude for the fraternal assistance given us in

this undertaking. Without pecuniary debt we may well feel a just pride in all our work, and grateful for the support given us generally.

The usual statistical table is submitted without remark.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN R. POPE,

President.

WM. DELAMATER,

Secretary.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Location of Lodges.	Number Applications.			Number Relieved.			Amounts Donated.			Average to Applicants Relieved.
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	
<i>United States.</i>										
California.....	2	.....	2	1	.....	1	\$5.00	.....	\$5.00	\$5.00
Colorado.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Connecticut.....	1	.....	1	1	.....	1	30.00	.....	30.00	30.00
Delaware.....	1	.....	1	1	.....	1	5.00	.....	5.00	5.00
District Columbia	2	1	3	1	1	2	3.25	\$8.00	11.25	5.60
Florida.....	1	1	2	1	.....	1	6.00	.....	6.00	6.00
Georgia.....	1	.....	1	1	.....	1	5.00	.....	5.00	5.00
Illinois.....	6	1	7	5	.....	5	57.00	.....	57.00	11.50
Kansas.....	.....	1	1	.....	1	1	.....	3.00	3.00	3.00
Kentucky.....	5	.....	5	4	.....	4	45.00	.....	45.00	11.25
Maine.....	1	.....	1	1	.....	1	5.00	.....	5.00	5.00
Maryland.....	1	1	2	1	1	2	5.00	2.00	7.00	3.50
Massachusetts.....	5	1	6	2	1	3	102.00	15.00	117.00	39.00
Michigan.....	3	.....	3	2	.....	2	15.50	.....	15.50	7.75
Missouri.....	7	1	8	5	1	6	26.40	15.00	41.40	6.90
Nebraska.....	3	.....	3	1	.....	1	15.00	.....	15.00	15.00
New Hampshire.....	2	.....	2	1	.....	1	14.00	.....	14.00	14.00
New Jersey.....	2	.....	2	2	.....	2	6.00	.....	6.00	3.00
New York.....	99	11	40	27	10	37	108.00	188.00	296.50	8.00
North Carolina.....	4	.....	4	4	.....	4	19.25	.....	19.25	4.80
Pennsylvania.....	8	3	11	4	2	6	14.00	7.00	21.00	3.50
Tennessee.....	3	.....	3	2	.....	2	46.75	.....	46.75	23.38
Texas.....	9	.....	9	9	.....	9	78.75	.....	78.75	9.53
Vermont.....	3	.....	3	2	.....	2	12.00	.....	12.00	6.00
Total.....	99	22	121	78	17	95	\$622.40	\$238.00	\$860.40	\$9.06
<i>England and its Territories.</i>										
England.....	11	2	13	6	1	7	67.50	5.00	72.50	10.15
Ireland.....	10	.....	10	10	.....	10	108.00	.....	108.00	10.80
Scotland.....	27	1	28	20	.....	20	156.25	.....	156.25	7.81
Canada.....	14	.....	14	12	.....	12	73.00	.....	73.00	6.00
Australia.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Indies.....	11	1	12	10	.....	10	172.50	.....	172.50	17.25
New Brunswick.....	1	.....	1	1	.....	1	26.00	.....	26.00	26.00
Nova Scotia.....	1	.....	1	1	.....	1	5.00	.....	5.00	5.00
Trinidad.....	2	.....	2	2	.....	2	15.00	.....	15.00	7.50
Tasmania.....	3	.....	3	2	.....	2	10.00	.....	10.00	5.00
Total.....	81	4	85	64	1	65	\$633.25	\$5.00	\$638.25	\$9.80
<i>All others.</i>										
Argentina.....	2	.....	2	2	.....	2	40.00	.....	40.00	20.00
Brazil.....	7	.....	7	3	.....	3	82.00	.....	82.00	27.33
Cuba.....	4	.....	4	4	.....	4	50.00	.....	50.00	12.50
Egypt.....	1	.....	1	1	.....	1	5.00	.....	5.00	5.00
Honolulu.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Italy.....	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Peru.....	1	.....	1	1	.....	1	15.00	.....	15.00	15.00
Porto Rico.....	1	.....	1	1	.....	1	5.00	.....	5.00	5.00
Prussia.....	1	.....	1	1	.....	1	2.00	.....	2.00	2.00
Sweden.....	2	.....	2	2	.....	2	8.00	.....	8.00	4.00
Total.....	21	1	22	15	.....	15	\$207.00	.....	\$207.00	\$13.80
Grand total.....	201	27	228	157	18	175	\$1,462.65	\$243.00	\$1,705.65	\$9.75

STANDING COMMITTEES.

CREDENTIALS.

- R. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary.
 W. ARTHUR B. CORNWALL, Master Continental Lodge, No. 287.
 W. EDWIN G. DAVIS, Master Herkimer Lodge, No. 423.

JURISPRUDENCE.

- M. W. CLINTON F. PAIGE, Past Grand Master.
 M. W. JOSEPH J. COUCH, Past Grand Master.
 M. W. JESSE B. ANTHONY, Past Grand Master.
 M. W. J. EDWARD SIMMONS, Past Grand Master.
 M. W. WILLIAM A. BRODIE, Past Grand Master.
 M. W. JOHN W. VBOOMAN, Past Grand Master.
 M. W. WILLIAM SHERER, Past Grand Master.
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 M. W. FREDERICK A. BURNHAM, Past Grand Master.
 M. W. JOHN STEWART, Past Grand Master.
 M. W. WILLIAM A. SUTHERLAND, Past Grand Master.
 M. W. WRIGHT D. POWNALL, Past Grand Master.

CHARTERS.

- W. GEORGE LAWYER, Master Temple Lodge, No. 14.
 W. WALTER C. DEYO, Master Albion Lodge, No. 28.
 W. MILTON W. DAVISON, Master Morning Star Lodge, No. 65.
 W. CHARLES S. BUTLER, Master Washington Lodge, No. 240.
 W. HARRY H. GOULD, Master Ridgewood Lodge, No. 710.
 W. GEORGE FREIFELD, Master Anglo-Saxon Lodge, No. 137.
 W. JAMES H. CURTIS, Master Delaware Lodge, No. 561.
 W. PAUL R. JENNINGS, Master Otego Union Lodge, No. 282.
 W. CHARLES M. COLTON, Master Genesee Falls Lodge, No. 507.

GRIEVANCES.

- W. WILL L. LLOYD, Master Mount Vernon Lodge, No. 3.
 W. R. KENNETH BICKFORD, Master De Molay Lodge, No. 498.
 W. AARON MORRIS, Proxy Dirigo Lodge, No. 30.

FINANCE.

- M. W. JAMES TEN EYCK, Past Grand Master.
 W. WILLIAM S. HACKETT, Master Masters' Lodge, No. 5.
 W. SAMUEL CROOK, Master Commonwealth Lodge, No. 409.

PAY OF REPRESENTATIVES.

- R. W. GEORGE G. MILLER, Proxy Hudson Lodge, No. 7.
 W. JAMES B. SNELGROVE, Master Erie Lodge, No. 161.
 W. WILLIAM H. WOODCOCK, Master Baltic Lodge, No. 284.

CONSTITUTION.

- M. W. JOHN STEWART, Past Grand Master.
 W. DELMAR M. DARRIN, Master Addison Union Lodge, No. 118.
 W. S. HERBERT WOLFE, Master True Craftsman's Lodge, No. 651.

CHARITY.

- R. W. THEODORE A. TAYLOR, Grand Treasurer.
 W. CHARLES FRIEDENBERG, JR., Master Zeredatha Lodge, No. 483.
 W. FREDERICK E. WEEKS, Master Solomon's Lodge, No. 196.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

- W. ALFRED E. OMMEN, Master Chancellor Walworth Lodge, No. 271.
 W. GEORGE H. LAMY, Master Harmonie Lodge, No. 699.
 W. H. GRANT BUSWELL, Master Acanthus Lodge, No. 719.

PRINTING.

- W. HENRY M. GOLDFOGLE, Master Empire City Lodge, No. 206.
 W. FRANK B. SHIPMAN, Master Otsego Lodge, No. 138.
 W. ALLAN M. RODGERS, Master Kedron Lodge, No. 803.

WORK AND LECTURES.

- R. W. WILLIAM L. SWAN, Proxy Matinecock Lodge, No. 806.
 R. W. AUGUST EICKELBERG, Proxy Scotia Lodge, No. 634.
 W. GEORGE B. PARKER, Master Watertown Lodge, No. 49.
 W. THOMAS SHARLOW, Proxy Ocean Lodge, No. 156.
 W. HENRY BERAU, JR., Master Star of Hope Lodge, No. 430.
 W. GEORGE W. DECKER, Master Croton Lodge, No. 368.
 W. ANSON R. THOMPSON, Master Mount Zion Lodge, No. 311.
 W. EDWARD M. MURTFELDT, Master Hudson River Lodge, No. 607.
 W. RALPH H. ROBERTSON, Master Friendship Lodge, No. 153.

EXEMPLIFICATION OF THE WORK.

- W. GEORGE W. ROWLAND, Master Suffolk Lodge, No. 60.
 W. FRANK E. KRUEGER, Master Reliance Lodge, No. 776.
 W. WILLIAM F. WENISCH, Master Brooklyn Lodge, No. 288.
 W. CHESTER O. MUNROE, Master Holland Lodge, No. 8.
 W. JAMES J. JORDAN, Master Munn Lodge, No. 190.
 W. WILLIAM F. RUTHERFORD, Master Lily Lodge, No. 342.
 W. ROBERT GIBSON, Master Park Lodge, No. 516.
 W. CLARENCE H. SANDFORD, Master Republic Lodge, No. 690.
 W. HERMANN WEBER, Master Fessler Lodge, No. 576.
 W. LUCIAN NARBEL, Master La Clem. Am. Cos. Lodge, No. 410.
 W. ARTHUR W. DEAS, Master Richmond Lodge, No. 66.
 W. OTIS MONTROSE, Master Philipstown Lodge, No. 236.
 W. ALONZO WHEELER, Master Stony Point Lodge, No. 313.

- W.: JOHN KILMER, Master Poughkeepsie Lodge, No. 266.
W.: EMERSON FORD, Master Cascade Lodge, No. 427.
W.: BIRTWELL A. TREGURTHA, Master Walton Lodge, No. 559.
W.: MYER C. JACOBS, Master Washington Lodge, No. 85.
W.: ALBERT S. RICKARD, Master Schoharie Valley Lodge, No. 491.
W.: WILLIAM D. FERRES, Master St. Patrick's Lodge, No. 4.
W.: LEONARD B. MCFARRAN, Master Phoenix Lodge, No. 96.
W.: CHARLES B. THOMPSON, Master Glens Falls Lodge, No. 121.
W.: GEORGE H. MYERS, Master Clinton Lodge, No. 155.
W.: JOSEPH V. BAKER, Master Gouverneur Lodge, No. 217.
W.: WILLIAM BROOKER, Master Clayton Lodge, No. 296.
W.: FREDERICK M. HART, Master Oswego Lodge, No. 127.
W.: ARTHUR S. THAYER, Master Utica Lodge, No. 47.
W.: RALPH W. THOMAS, Master Hamilton Lodge, No. 120.
W.: WILLIAM A. BENTLEY, Master Oxford Lodge, No. 175.
W.: CHARLES E. FRYDENBORG, Master Union Lodge, No. 95.
W.: ERNEST F. PENNY, Master St. Paul's Lodge, No. 124.
W.: JAMES E. RUDDICK, Master Dundee Lodge, No. 123.
W.: JOSEPH GILBERT, Master Newark Lodge, No. 83.
W.: ANDREW LUDOLPH, Master Yonnonodio Lodge, No. 163.
W.: FRANK WOOLLARD, Master Hornellsville Lodge, No. 331.
W.: CHARLES D. BUCHANAN, Master Melrose Lodge, No. 818.
W.: HERBERT L. GETTY, Master Mount Vernon Lodge, No. 263.
W.: EDWARD E. CROOK, Master Medina Lodge, No. 336.
W.: GEORGE H. SWIFT, Master Akron Lodge, No. 527.
W.: CLAUDE F. TOWNSEND, Master Franklinville Lodge, No. 626.
W.: RICHARD PEART, Master Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 145.
W.: ALPHEUS B. CONGER, Master North Star Lodge, No. 107.

DECEASED BRETHREN.

- R.: W.: GEORGE R. VAN DE WATER, Grand Chaplain.
R.: W.: JOHN LAUBENHEIMER, Grand Chaplain.
R.: W.: WALLACE BUTTRICK, Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Secretary presented several petitions, communications, and resolutions, which were received and referred to appropriate committees.

The Grand Master introduced M.: W.: JOSEPH E. MOORE, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, who addressed the Grand Lodge in a warm, fraternal manner, emphasizing the close relationship existing between the Grand Lodges of New Jersey and New York.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge resumed its session on Wednesday morning, May 8, A.D. 1901, A.L. 5901, at nine o'clock.

Present: M.: W.: CHARLES W. MEAD, Grand Master.

Officers and Representatives as before.

Prayer by R.: W.: JOHN LAUBENHEIMER, Grand Chaplain.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

R.: W.: EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, from the Committee on Credentials, presented the report of said committee, which was received and the names contained therein ordered placed upon the roll as representatives of the several Lodges at this Annual Communication.

To the Grand Lodge:

Your Committee respectfully report that the following Lodges are entitled to be represented at this Annual Communication by the brethren hereinafter named:

1 ST. JOHN'S.....	Edward J. Shipsey	Master.
2 IND. ROYAL ARCH.....	Claudius F. Beatty.....	Proxy.
3 MOUNT VERNON.....	Will L. Lloyd.....	Master.
4 ST. PATRICK'S.....	William D. Ferres.....	Master.
5 MASTERS'	William S. Hackett.....	Master.
6 ST. GEORGE'S.....	Horace S. Van Voast.....	Master.
7 HUDSON.....	George G. Miller.....	Proxy.
8 HOLLAND	Chester C. Munroe.....	Master.
9 UNITY.....	Harrie P. Whitehead.....	Master.
10 KINGSTON.....	John P. Roosa	Master.
11 ANTIQUITY	Ernest B. Latham.....	Master.
12 TRINITY.....	Gotthardt A. Litthauer	Master.
13 APOLLO.....	John H. Yetto	Master.

14	TEMPLE.....	George Lawyer	Master.
16	PRINCE OF ORANGE.....	Charles H. Walker.....	Master.
17	L'UNION FRANÇAISE.....	Edouard Laperruque	Master.
19	FORTITUDE.....	Martin Miller	Master.
20	PIONEER.....	Louis W. Duesing.....	Master.
21	WASHINGTON.....	Charles A. Alden.....	Master.
22	ST. JOHN'S.....	A. M. Hollister.....	Master.
23	ADELPHI.....	Irving Wortmann	Master.
26	ALBION.....	Walter C. Deyo.....	Master.
27	MOUNT MORIAH	Bernard Lippman.....	Master.
28	BENEVOLENT.....	Enoch H. Currier.....	Master.
30	DIRIGO.....	Aaron Morris.....	Proxy.
31	LOTUS.....	W. Ross Hollister	Master.
32	WARREN.....	John E. Hoag.....	Master.
33	ARK.....	William S. Moore	Master.
34	COURTLANDT.....	Fred A. Smith.....	Master.
35	HOWARD.....	William Wirt Griffin	Master.
39	OLIVE BRANCH.....	Louis W. Steuber	Master.
40	OLIVE BRANCH.....	Charles Aland.....	Master.
41	SYLVAN.....	John P. White.....	S. Warden.
44	EVENING STAR.....	John E. Shelley.....	Master.
45	UNION.....	Lewis H. Moses.....	Master.
46	HUGUENOT.....	Joseph W. Spalding.....	Master.
47	UTICA.....	Arthur S. Thayer.....	Master.
48	ARK.....	Schuyler Colfax Bishop.....	Master.
49	WATERTOWN.....	George B. Parker	Master.
50	CONCORD.....	Thomas Wohlsen.....	Master.
51	FIDELITY.....	Charles J. Vankirk.....	Master.
53	BROWNVILLE.....	Frank E. Ingalls.....	Master.
54	GERMAN UNION.....	Christian W. H. Rathjens	Master.
55	GRANVILLE.....	Willis A. Tenney.....	Master.
56	ST. ALBANS.....	Charles E. Lane.....	Master.
58	PHENIX.....	Frank H. Miter.....	Master.
60	SUFFOLK.....	George W. Rowland.....	Master.
62	MANHATTAN.....	Harold Varcoe	Master.
63	MORTON.....	Walter N. DeNyse.....	Master.
64	LA FAYETTE.....	Charles E. Abbott.....	Master.
65	MORNING STAR.....	Milton W. Davison.....	Master.
66	RICHMOND.....	Arthur W. Deas.....	Master.
67	MARINERS'.....	Edwin N. Whitfield.....	Master.
68	MONTGOMERY.....	Franklin E. Morse	Master.
69	NAVAL.....	John A. Kershaw.....	Master.
70	JOHN HANCOCK.....	Charles Heintz.....	Master.
73	LOCKPORT.....	Edward Whitting.....	Master.
75	EVENING STAR.....	John McLaren	S. Warden.
79	HAMILTON.....	Peter C. Wohlgenuth.	Master.
82	PHOEBUS.....	Charles L. Banks.....	S. Warden.
83	NEWARK.....	Joseph Gilbert.....	Master.
84	ARTISAN.....	Bert W. Kellogg.....	Master.
85	WASHINGTON.....	Myer C. Jacobs	Master.

86	PYTHAGORAS	Hans Rabenstein	Master.
87	SCHODAOK UNION.....	Elmer E. Finch.....	Master.
90	FRANKLIN.....	Henry C. Hale	Master.
91	KING SOLOMON'S PRISM.....	William M. Peckham.....	Master.
98	MILITARY.....	Charles E. Cole	S. Warden.
94	STRICT OBSERVANCE.....	Levi Gibb.....	Master.
95	UNION.....	Charles E. Frydenborg.....	Master.
96	PHENIX.....	Leonard B. McFarran.....	Master.
97	RENOVATION.....	William Crawford Ramsdale	Master.
98	COLUMBIA	Henry J. Baringer.....	Proxy.
103	RIISING SUN.....	Frank A. Hall.....	Master.
104	LEWIS.....	Joseph E. Broas.....	Master.
105	HIRAM.....	Cyrus L. Barber.....	Master.
106	MANITOU.....	George G. Freer	Master.
107	NORTH STAR.....	Alpheus B. Conger.....	Master.
108	MILLO.....	Edward D. Rose	Master.
109	VALLEY.....	J. Clifton Baker	Master.
110	SCIPPIO	Ross H. Reynolds	Master.
111	ST. LAWRENCE	Alvin Wallace.....	Master.
112	STEBUEN.....	Henry J. Donnelly	Master.
113	SENECA	Judson C. Hulbert	Master.
114	UNION	William T. Bowlby.....	Master.
115	PHENIX.....	Bernard H. Oberdorf.....	Master.
116	COHOES.....	James H. Mitchell.....	Master.
117	PAINTED POST	Edgar E. Magee.....	Master.
118	ADDISON UNION.....	Delmar M. Darrin	Master.
119	OASIS.....	James C. McWilliams.....	Master.
120	HAMILTON	Ralph Wilmer Thomas.....	Master.
121	GLENS FALLS	Charles B. Thompson	Master.
122	MOUNT MORRIS.....	William H. Povall.....	Master.
123	DUNDEE.....	James E. Ruddick.....	Master.
124	ST. PAUL'S.....	Ernest F. Penny.....	Master.
126	EASTERN LIGHT	William D. Morse.....	Master.
127	OSWEGO.....	Hardin Davis.....	S. Warden.
128	OGDENSEBURG.....	John E. Briggs.....	Master.
129	SANGER	Lewis D. Edwards.....	Master.
130	PORT BYRON	Hull F. Tanner.....	Master.
131	MYRTLE.....	H. Lavern Vaughan	Master.
132	NIAGARA FRONTIER.....	Amasa A. Oatman	Master.
134	LOWVILLE.....	John Dale.....	Master.
135	SACKETT'S HARBOR.....	Herbert M. Potter	Master.
136	MEXICO.	William H. Norton.....	Master.
137	ANGLO-SAXON.....	George Freifeld	Master.
138	OTSEGO.....	Frank B. Shipman.....	Master.
139	MILNOR.....	Eugene S. Berry.....	Master.
140	CLINTON	Frank Jelf.....	Master.
141	CATO.....	Edgar H. Crowninshield.....	Master.
142	MORNING SUN.....	Frank H. Grover.....	S. Warden.
143	CONCORDIA.	Robert Eichel.....	Master.
144	HIRAM.....	Castle H. Gardner	Master.

145 MOUNT MORIAH	Richard Peart	Master.
146 WESTERN UNION	Oscar Wilson	Master.
147 WARREN	William J. Feasenden	Master.
148 SULLIVAN	Chester Bartholomew	Master.
149 AUSABLE RIVER	Leonard B. Chisholm	Master.
150 SAUQUOIT	Horace A. Hull	Master.
151 SENTINEL	Lynn G. Burten	Master.
152 HANOVER	Clarence P. Hilebert	S. Warden.
153 FRIENDSHIP	Ralph H. Robertson	Master.
154 PENFIELD UNION	Charles N. Leonard	Master.
155 CLINTON	George H. Myers	Master.
156 OCEAN	Thomas Sharlow	Proxy.
157 TRUMANSBURGH	Ossian G. Noble	Master.
158 CARTHAGE	Fred. M. Wing	Master.
159 PULTNEYVILLE	Robert S. Carr	Master.
160 SENECA RIVER	Frank E. Potter	Master.
161 ERIE	James B. Snelgrove	Master.
162 SCHUYLER'S LAKE	Jesse Ellsworth	Master.
163 YONKONADIO	Andrew Ludolph	Master.
164 PHILANTHROPIC	Ernest N. Hammond	Master.
165 BOONVILLE	Charles H. Cook	Master.
166 FOREST	Ward P. Barnum	Master.
167 SUSQUEHANNA	Joseph R. Hirt	Master.
168 MONTGOMERY	Irving Bronson	Master.
169 CLINTON	Frank B. Griffin	Master.
171 LAFARGEVILLE	Romain Loucks	Master.
172 CHAUMONT	Edward H. Merriman	S. Warden.
173 MONROE	Warren B. Conkling	Master.
174 THERESA	George Cornwall	Master.
175 OXFORD	William A. Bentley	Master.
176 MONTEZUMA	Arthur Gilmore	Master.
177 BINGHAMTON	Edward S. Rozell	Master.
178 ATLANTIC	William Downes	Master.
179 GERMAN PILGRIM	Frank H. Zitz	Master.
180 WESTCHESTER	Everett A. Barto	Master.
181 LITTLE FALLS	George W. Norris	Master.
182 GERMANIA	John J. Hubschmitt	Master.
183 FARMERVILLE	Thomas P. Hause	Master.
184 TURIN	S. Olin Foster	Master.
185 INDEPENDENT	William S. Fairhurst	Master.
187 DARCY	James Hervey Bell	Master.
188 MARSH	Alfred E. Everdell	Master.
190 MUNN	James J. Jordan	Master.
191 LEBANON	Alfred B. Conrad	Master.
193 ULSTER	William G. Sickles	Master.
194 PIATT	Thomas Van Every	Master.
195 EXCELSIOR	Henry Clare, Jr.	Master.
196 SOLOMON'S	Frederick E. Weeks	Master.
197 YORK	Fields Hermance	J. Warden.
198 SILENTIA	Albert V. King	Master.

199	HARMONY	Louis Kleinbohl	Master.
200	SINCERITY	Charles H. Burt	Master.
201	JOPPA	Samuel H. Holmes	Master.
202	ZSCHOKKE	Jacob Eidt	Proxy.
203	TEMPLAR	John B. Gibb	Master.
204	PALESTINE	Louis May	Master.
205	HYATT	Lawrence Coffin	Master.
206	EMPIRE CITY	Henry M. Goldfogle	Master.
207	UNITED STATES	Frank R. Uven	Master.
208	CYRUS	John Miller	Master.
209	NATIONAL	Jacob Van Brink	Master.
210	WORTH	Clarence B. Marter	Proxy.
211	POCAHONTAS	John C. Davis	Master.
212	RACKET RIVER	Fred E. Baum	Master.
214	GENESEO	G. Thomas Goode	Master.
216	FRANKLIN	Thomas Balmford	Master.
217	GOUVERNEUR	Joseph V. Baker	Master.
218	HARTLAND	Charles Seward	Master.
219	SUMMIT	William H. Walker	Master.
221	CATUGA	Frank Kenyon	Master.
223	ROMAN	Albert R. Hager	Master.
224	ORIENTAL	Alamanson Godfrey	Master.
225	ALLEGANY	Jason N. Britton	Master.
226	ANTWERP	William R. Nutting	Master.
227	EASTERN STAR	Robert L. McCready	Master.
229	ORIONA	John H. Howden	Master.
230	WELLSVILLE	William Buck	Master.
231	CANASTOTA	Alonzo Swart	Master.
232	NAVIGATOR	Max Clausen	Master.
233	PACIFIC	John Alfred Britton	Master.
234	RIISING SUN	George P. Manville	Master.
235	KEYSTONE	George Hall	Master.
236	PHILIPSTOWN	Otto Montrose	Master.
237	CHAMPLAIN	William Broder	S. Warden.
238	ORIENT	Herman A. Roberts	Master.
239	CATTARAUGUS	Thomas A. Heller	Master.
240	WASHINGTON	Charles S. Butler	Master.
241	CONSTITUTION	Hudson B. Britten	S. Warden.
243	EUREKA	Henry von Minden	Master.
244	HOPE	Herbert M. Tompkins	Master.
245	POLAR STAR	William J. Spies	Master.
246	ARCANA	James H. Kelly	Master.
247	TONAWANDA	Albert R. Smith	Master.
248	PALMYRA	William J. Deans	Master.
249	CHARTER OAK	Wallace E. Sadler	Master.
250	JOHN D. WILLARD	William J. Dyer	Master.
252	OLEAN	Marvin N. Hamilton	Master.
253	OLD OAK	Leonard Dalley	Master.
254	WALWORTH	Leon D. Slade	S. Warden.
255	LIVING STONE	Maurice L. Doty	Master.

256	FORT BREWERTON.....	Charles H. Livingston.....	Master.
257	MOUNT NEBOH.....	Charles A. Brodek.....	Master.
258	MACEDONIA.....	Carlton R. Loomis.....	Master.
259	SISCO.....	John J. Greeley.....	Master.
260	MOUNT HOPE.....	Martin H. Adams.....	Master.
261	EVANS.....	Franklin J. Stone.....	Master.
262	PHOENIX.....	Jesse V. Crouch.....	Master.
263	MOUNT VERNON.....	Herbert L. Getty.....	Master.
264	BARON STEUBEN.....	Charles H. Watters.....	Master.
265	SPEEDSVILLE.....	Nelson Slate.....	Master.
266	POUGHKEEPSIE.....	John Killmer.....	Master.
267	FORT EDWARD.....	B. Ray Clum.....	S. Warden.
268	HERMANN.....	John Spannhake.....	Master.
270	ONEIDA.....	Fred J. Baldwin.....	Master.
271	CHANCELLOR WALWORTH.....	Alfred E. Ommen.....	Master.
272	MYSTIC TIE.....	Steve W. Floyd.....	S. Warden.
273	METROPOLITAN.....	Paul G. Burton.....	Master.
274	ARCTURUS.....	Frederick J. Sutton.....	Master.
275	SYLVAN GROVE.....	William L. Leishman.....	Master.
276	MOHAWK VALLEY.....	James E. Rafter.....	Master.
277	HENRY CLAY.....	Edward Williams.....	Master.
278	MARION.....	Frank Walker.....	Master.
279	KING SOLOMON.....	Jonas E. Reinthaler.....	Master.
280	DORIC.....	Theodore H. Roxbury.....	Master.
282	OTEGO UNION.....	Paul R. Jennings.....	Master.
283	BEACON.....	Benj. I. D. Roosa.....	Master.
284	BALTIC.....	William H. Woodcock.....	Master.
285	GEORGE WASHINGTON.....	George R. Speed.....	Master.
286	MONTAUK.....	Rob't Judson Kenworthy.....	Proxy.
287	CONTINENTAL.....	Arthur B. Cornwall.....	Master.
288	BROOKLYN.....	William F. Wenisch.....	Master.
289	ST. ANDREW'S.....	Charles A. Hoyt.....	Proxy.
290	SPENCER.....	Myran L. Fisher.....	Master.
291	NORTH'N CONSTELLATION.....	Thomas T. Buttrick.....	Master.
292	PARISH.....	Thomas H. McKee.....	Master.
293	CAPE VINCENT.....	H. Roy Allen.....	Master.
294	CANANDAIGUA.....	E. Chapin Church.....	Master.
295	CATARACT.....	George S. Bennett.....	Master.
296	CLAYTON.....	William Brooker.....	Master.
297	ALEXANDRIA.....	Adam Bickelhaup.....	Master.
298	FISH HOUSE.....	Edgar G. Palmer.....	Master.
299	KESHEQUA.....	William H. Northway.....	Master.
300	GABOGA.....	Ervin W. Smith.....	Master.
301	IRONDEQUOIT.....	Hiram A. Matteson.....	Master.
302	NORWICH.....	Nelson P. Bonney.....	Master.
303	SYLVAN.....	William C. Scott.....	Master.
304	SCHILLER.....	August Wohlfarth.....	Master.
305	CENTRAL CITY.....	Edward H. Burdick.....	Master.
306	CUBA.....	Frank N. Mallison.....	Master.
307	ELLICOTTVILLE.....	E. E. Comstock.....	Master.

306	SENECA LAKE.....	John M. Fry	S. Warden.
309	NEWBURGH.....	George Mason.....	Master.
310	LEXINGTON.....	Andrew G. Cooper	Master.
311	MOUNT ZION.....	Anson R. Thompson.....	Master.
313	STONY POINT.....	Alonzo Wheeler.....	Master.
315	WAWAYANDA.....	Wesley A. Kipp	Master.
316	ATLAS.....	William F. H. Koelsch.....	Master.
317	NEPTUNE.....	C. Sumner Haywood.....	Master.
318	JOSEPH ENOS.....	Daniel W. Gilbert	Master.
319	BLACK LAKE.....	H. A. Rowland	Master.
320	UNION STAR	Edward G. Brooks.....	Master.
321	ST. NICHOLAS.....	Gustave Weinberg.....	Master.
322	STAR OF BETHLEHEM	John J. Rossbottom	Master.
323	AMITY.....	John R. Pope.....	Proxy.
324	FREEDOM.....	Charles A. Winchester.....	Master.
325	REPUBLICAN.....	James W. Owen.....	Master.
326	SALEM TOWN.....	Josiah M. Dickson.....	Master.
327	ACACIA.....	John A. Henderson.....	Master.
328	PORT JERVIS.....	Dudley J. Warner.....	Master.
330	NEW YORK.....	Charles F. Parsons	Master.
331	HORNELLSVILLE	Frank Woollard	Master.
332	JEFFERSON.....	Jabez L. Buck.....	Master.
333	WESTBROOK.....	Joseph Olmstead	Master.
334	CHERRY VALLEY.....	Joseph Peaslee.....	Master.
335	WIDOW'S SON	Jobe W. Mambert.....	Master.
336	MEDINA.....	Edward E. Crook.....	Master.
337	GREENBUSH	William H. Clay.....	Master.
338	PUTNAM.....	Joseph H. Banks	Master.
339	PURITAN.....	William H. Stafford	Master.
340	MODESTIA	George F. Wels.....	Master.
341	CLYDE.....	Edward Q. Corrin.....	Master.
342	LILY.....	William F. Rutherford.....	Master.
343	RONDOUT.....	Simon L. Newland.....	Master.
345	LODI.....	Roswell C. Traphagen	Master.
347	HAMPTON.....	Arthur D. Lee.....	Master.
348	ADELPHIC.....	Henry H. Hopper.....	Master.
349	PECONIC.....	Edward D. Tutbill.....	Master.
350	CHEMUNG VALLEY.....	John B. McDuffee.....	Master.
351	SPRINGVILLE	Luther J. Shuttleworth.....	Master.
352	HOMER.....	Robert J. Watson.....	Master.
354	PROGRESSIVE	Archibald M. Haines	S. Warden.
355	JERUSALEM.....	Elerson V. Enfield.....	Master.
356	UNITED BROTHERS.....	John Ahders	Master.
357	CANEADEA.....	Charles W. Vosburgh.....	Master.
358	QUEEN CITY.....	Morris D. Lloyd	Master.
359	RANDOLPH.....	Douglas C. Adams.....	Master.
360	AFTON.....	Peter S. Krum.....	Master.
361	CENTRAL.....	Arthur S. Willdig	Master.
362	VALATIE.....	Joseph Hapeman.....	Master.
363	EVERGREEN.....	Stephen R. Stewart.....	Master.

364 HORSEHEADS.....	Lincoln Gardner.....	Master.
365 GOSHEN.....	George H. Mills.....	Proxy.
367 CORNER STONE.....	Charles W. Labdon.....	Master.
368 CROTON.....	George W. Decker.....	Master.
369 CALLIMACHUS.....	Hiram D. Fox.....	Master.
371 SAGAMORE.....	Samuel C. Milbourne.....	Master.
372 SANDY HILL.....	Marcus C. Allen.....	Master.
373 LA SINCÉRITÉ.....	Theonas J. A. Humbert.....	Master.
374 MONUMENTAL.....	William H. Simmons.....	Master.
375 NIAGARA.....	R. Nathaniel Roberts.....	Master.
376 ONTARIO.....	W. Leville Draper.....	Master.
377 RUSHVILLE.....	William F. Holton.....	Master.
378 BIG FLATS.....	Egbert Shoemaker.....	Master.
379 OAKLAND.....	Edmund B. Windsor.....	Master.
380 MURRAY.....	Berton Keys.....	Master.
381 HUGUENOT.....	Charles U. Thrall.....	Master.
382 LONG ISLAND.....	Valentine Zahn.....	Master.
383 AURORA.....	Isaac N. Lyons.....	J. Warden.
384 CHERRY CREEK.....	John W. Smith.....	Master.
385 WREDEPORT.....	Frank J. Hudson.....	Master.
386 JORDAN.....	Clarence L. Meech.....	S. Warden.
387 LA FRATERNIDAD.....	José Delgado.....	Master.
388 UPPER LISLE.....	Eugene E. Meyers.....	Master.
389 MARGARETVILLE.....	John W. Telford.....	Master.
391 SALEM.....	James Gibson.....	Master.
392 SODUS.....	William H. Horn.....	Master.
393 WADDINGTON.....	Hiram Peacock.....	S. Warden.
394 COBLESKILL.....	Sanford S. Myers.....	Master.
395 AMBER.....	Orlando H. Capell.....	Master.
396 DEPOSIT.....	Charles H. Stiles.....	Master.
397 IVY.....	Harvey E. Ludlow.....	Master.
398 HOME.....	Fred Leary.....	Master.
399 MAINE.....	Judson H. Riley.....	Master.
400 VAN RENSSELAER.....	James M. Miller.....	Master.
402 CRESCENT.....	Arnold F. Walnewright.....	Master.
403 GREENPOINT.....	Edgar H. Hazelwood.....	Master.
404 CONSTELLATION.....	Elmer J. Abbott.....	Master.
406 HUMANITY.....	Augustus E. Burnett.....	Master.
407 WAVERLY.....	Ellis H. Deidrick.....	Master.
408 CITY.....	Ludwig F. Thoma.....	Master.
409 COMMONWEALTH.....	Samuel Crook.....	Master.
410 LA CLÉMENTE AM. Cos.....	François L. Gauthey.....	Proxy.
411 CANDOR.....	Freemont Kirk.....	Master.
412 HOFFMAN.....	William H. Biggin.....	S. Warden.
413 WEST STAR.....	John B. Spink.....	Master.
414 SCRIBA.....	Wallace D. Rhines.....	Proxy.
415 PULASKI.....	Oron V. Davis.....	Master.
416 WAYNE.....	Gilbert P. Norton.....	Master.
417 WADSWORTH.....	Frederick W. Gebhard.....	Master.
418 MOSAIC.....	Walter G. Kammerer.....	Master.

419 ARCADE.....	Henry J. McNair.....	Master.
420 NEW LONDON.....	Jay H. Pratt.....	Master.
421 GENOA.....	Glenn W. King.....	Proxy.
422 FRONTIER CITY.....	George Cousins.....	Master.
423 HERKIMER.....	Edwin G. Davis.....	Master.
425 WARRENSBURGH.....	William F. Wilkinson.....	S. Warden.
426 NORTHFIELD.....	Charles B. Emmons.....	S. Warden.
427 CASCADE.....	Emerson Ford.....	Master.
428 HIGH FALLS.....	Charles I. Olmsted.....	Master.
429 GLOVERSVILLE.....	James Frank McKee.....	Master.
430 STAR OF HOPE.....	Henry Berau, Jr.....	Master.
431 AUBURN.....	Sherman S. Salisbury.....	Master.
432 RHINEBECK.....	William C. Ackert.....	Master.
433 FORT PLAIN.....	Daniel I. Devoe.....	Master.
434 HIAWATHA.....	Joseph Wesley Downs.....	Master.
435 OTSENINGO.....	Richard R. Daly.....	Master.
437 WAMPONAMON.....	Arthur T. Brown.....	Master.
438 THERMOPILE AT MARA- THON.....	Ashley Williams.....	Master.
439 DELHI.....	John J. Burke.....	Master.
440 VIENNA.....	Charles F. Nichols.....	Master.
441 ANCIENT LANDMARKS.....	Chas. Lee Abell.....	S. Warden.
442 WINDSOR.....	Alpha H. Pease.....	Master.
444 SHELBURNE.....	Frank J. Heady.....	Master.
445 CASSIA.....	Charles S. Doman.....	Master.
446 OLTMAHNS.....	Louis Keller.....	Master.
447 FRANKLIN.....	Herman J. Katz.....	Master.
449 HIRAM.....	Charles Schneider.....	Master.
450 RISING STAR.....	William E. Myers.....	Master.
451 DELTA.....	Ira M. Cornwall.....	Master.
452 ANCIENT CITY.....	John J. Martin.....	Proxy.
453 CLINTON.....	Amos J. Nimmo.....	Master.
454 KANE.....	Charles G. Koss.....	Master.
455 NEWPORT.....	Arthur E. Rhodes.....	Master.
456 SENATE.....	Delbert S. Howe.....	Master.
457 HARLEM.....	Fred. M. Gallagher.....	Master.
458 SHEKOMEKO.....	Charles E. Butts.....	Master.
459 URBANA.....	Lewellen H. Brown.....	Master.
461 YEW TREE.....	Ira O. Tracy.....	Master.
462 ATTICA.....	Erwin L. Francis.....	S. Warden.
463 LAMOKA.....	James Morris Darrin.....	Master.
464 DOWNSVILLE.....	Arthur J. Wilson.....	Proxy.
466 ONEONTA.....	Lucius H. Townsend.....	Master.
467 GREENWICH.....	Robert McCord.....	Master.
468 CATSKILL.....	Charles E. Carey.....	Master.
470 CORTLANDVILLE.....	Charles F. Brown.....	Master.
471 TOMPKINS.....	Edward C. Meurer.....	Master.
473 DRYDEN.....	Adelbert M. Clark.....	Master.
473 WHITE PLAINS.....	Charles H. Vanderbilt.....	Master.
474 BELMONT.....	Herbert A. Barney.....	Master.

475	BATAVIA.....	Henry C. Senn.....	Master.
476	FAIRPORT.....	J. I. Sumeriski.....	Master.
477	WILDWOOD.....	Ernest Ward.....	Master.
478	DANVILLE.....	Andrew W. Cook.....	Proxy.
479	ETOLIAN.....	James H. Breeze.....	Master.
480	WEBOTUCK.....	Willis J. Woodruff.....	Master.
481	CAMBRIDGE VALLEY.....	Alfred G. Hill.....	Master.
482	RICHFIELD SPRINGS.....	Fred. Bronner.....	Master.
483	ZEREDATHA.....	Charles Friedenberg, Jr.....	Master.
484	COLUMBIAN.....	Gustav Gottschall.....	Master.
485	STELLA.....	John H. K. Green.....	Master.
486	IONIC.....	Henry R. Dann.....	Master.
487	TECUMSEH.....	John Gunn.....	Master.
488	CORINTHIAN.....	George E. McNeille.....	Master.
489	MANHATTA.....	Charles W. Spiegel.....	Master.
490	PYRAMID.....	Dana B. Pratt.....	Master.
491	SCHOHARIE VALLEY.....	Albert S. Rickard.....	Master.
492	WYOMING.....	Henry W. Burfiend.....	Master.
493	SOUTH SIDE.....	Samuel T. Ferguson.....	Master.
494	JEPHTHA.....	Charles H. Walters.....	Master.
496	GROTON.....	Minard L. Jones.....	Master.
497	GLENDALE.....	Frank A. Griswold.....	Master.
498	DE MOLAY.....	R. Kenneth Bickford.....	Master.
499	DEER RIVER.....	Lewis L. Dewey.....	Master.
500	HERMON.....	James C. Alverson.....	Master.
501	SYRACUSE.....	Louis J. Lynn.....	Master.
504	MONTGOMERY.....	Frank W. Neilson.....	Master.
505	NORTHERN LIGHT.....	William E. Clough.....	Master.
506	RODMAN.....	Pearl W. Simons.....	Master.
507	GENESEE FALLS.....	Charles M. Colton.....	Master.
508	HERSCHEL.....	Leander Gilchrist.....	Master.
509	LINDENWALD.....	Alfred R. Ostrom.....	Master.
510	LIBERTY.....	Samuel D. Parmenter.....	Master.
511	KINGS COUNTY.....	Albert Barrett.....	S. Warden.
512	HUMBOLDT.....	Salomon Isaac.....	Master.
513	MASSENA.....	Herbert J. Potter.....	Master.
514	ZION.....	Clinton N. Smith.....	Master.
515	BUTTERNUTS.....	Charles F. Bushnell.....	Master.
516	PARK.....	Robert Gibson.....	Master.
517	FRONTIER.....	Frank P. Kennedy.....	Master.
519	ARCHITECT.....	A. W. Williams.....	Master.
520	SALT SPRINGS.....	George E. Scherrer.....	Master.
521	CALLICOON.....	Valentine Scheldell.....	Master.
522	SKANEATELES.....	Samuel Bradshaw.....	Master.
523	NORMAL.....	Donald Gow.....	Master.
524	MORNING STAR.....	John R. Rhodes.....	Master.
525	LIVERPOOL.....	David Werner.....	Master.
526	HENRIETTA.....	Marshall Todd.....	Master.
527	AKRON.....	George H. Swift.....	Master.
528	MONITOR.....	J. Orr Kyle.....	Master.

529 MOUNTAIN.....	Orrin S. Griffin.....	Master.
531 FULTONVILLE.....	George N. Holliday.....	Master.
533 MONTICELLO.....	Robert McNickle.....	Master.
535 ROUND HILL.....	Theodore P. Knapp.....	Master.
534 TIOPA.....	Isaac R. Wheeler.....	Master.
535 AMERICUS.....	Robert A. Miller.....	Master.
536 NASSAU.....	James Divisich.....	Master.
537 GRAMERCY.....	C. Ernst Elckhoff.....	Master.
538 WEBSTER.....	Thomas Nagle.....	Master.
539 FAYETTE.....	William Brickley.....	S. Warden.
540 HILL GROVE.....	David F. Moore.....	Master.
541 BRASHER.....	George Kingston.....	Master.
542 GARIBALDI.....	Michele Glaguinto.....	Master.
543 TRILUMINAR.....	Joseph R. Stewart.....	Master.
544 WARWICK.....	Samuel Green.....	Master.
545 COPERNICUS.....	Edward C. M. von Cronau.....	Master.
546 JAMAICA.....	Frank E. Hopkins.....	Master.
547 CAMERON MILLS.....	George Campbell.....	Master.
548 LAURENS.....	James Harrison.....	Master.
549 WARSAW.....	Elmer E. Webster.....	Master.
550 HANNIBAL.....	Clarence B. Brower.....	Master.
551 RANSOMVILLE.....	William R. Leggett.....	Master.
552 HANCOCK.....	Willard G. Underwood.....	Master.
553 FARMERS'.....	John L. Shaw.....	Master.
554 WORKING.....	Wilder S. Beard.....	Master.
555 DIAMOND.....	Charles McConnell.....	Master.
556 NORTH BANGOR.....	Frank S. Steenberge.....	Master.
557 JAMES M. AUSTIN.....	Albert W. Baker.....	Master.
558 ANDOVER.....	Jesse S. Phillips.....	Master.
559 WALTON.....	Birtwell A. Tregurtha.....	Master.
560 WOLCOTT.....	George W. Roe.....	Master.
561 DELAWARE.....	James H. Curtis.....	Master.
562 FRANKLIN.....	George Hiller.....	Master.
563 CORNUCOPIA.....	Sanford S. Gowdey.....	Master.
564 SANDY CREEK.....	Frank E. Root.....	Master.
565 GUIDING STAR.....	John Osborn.....	Master.
566 RUSSELL.....	Rollin G. Smith.....	Master.
567 ARGYLE.....	Joseph H. Smith.....	S. Warden.
568 ST. CEVILLE.....	Theodore Theller.....	Master.
569 GREENWOOD.....	John D. Goodwin.....	Master.
570 AVON SPRINGS.....	I. Newton Smith.....	Master.
571 CŒUR DE LION.....	Frank Enderlin.....	Master.
572 MT. HERMON.....	William H. Sawyer.....	Proxy.
573 DEPEYSTER.....	Myron W. Rounds.....	Master.
574 BEDFORD.....	George H. Packer.....	Master.
575 OLIVE.....	Walter J. Corbett.....	Master.
576 FRESSLER.....	Hermann Weber.....	Master.
577 ELK.....	Silas J. Sanford.....	Master.
578 FAYETTEVILLE.....	Philetus M. Helfer.....	Master.
579 PORTVILLE.....	James Holland, Jr.....	Master.

580 GLEN COVE.	R. Frank Bowne	Master.
581 WINFIELD.	John H. Stephens	Master.
582 WAWARSING	W. Kelly Shook	Master.
583 PRATTSBURGH	H. Belmont Lee	Master.
584 ASHLAR	Martin W. Tefft	Master.
585 COSMOPOLITAN	Edward W. Reynolds	Master.
586 ISLAND CITY	Walter Tyler	S. Warden.
587 AHWAGA	Frank Beck	Master.
588 GLOBE	William E. Junker	Master.
589 RAMAPO	John I. Traphagen	Master.
590 ROSE	Austin Livingston	Master.
591 ILION	James A. Whitfield	Master.
592 SCHENEVUS VALLEY	Willard A. Pier	J. Warden.
594 ALDEN	Claude Ellers, Jr.	Master.
595 SOCRATES	John Wilking	Master.
596 HOPEWELL	Charles Underhill	Master.
597 WESTERN LIGHT	C. Wallace Theleman	Master.
598 TABERNACLE	John T. Loughery	Master.
599 KENNYETTO	James P. Rose	Master.
600 EVANGELIST	Arthur F. Eife	Master.
601 ALTAIR	Rufus L. Scott, Jr.	Master.
602 ADIRONDACK	Walter M. Marvin	Master.
603 ASTOR	John Robert Johnston	Master.
604 PERFECT ASHLAR	Edward Mandel	Master.
605 TIENUDERRAH	Henry D. Foote	J. Warden.
606 MASONVILLE	Marshall B. Bryant	Master.
607 HUDSON RIVER	Edward M. Murtfeldt	Master.
608 LESSING	Frederick E. Heltman	Master.
610 IVANHOE	William Otis Fredenburg	Master.
611 ST. JOHNSVILLE	Fred D. Storms	Master.
612 HILLSDALE	Harvey P. Sweet	S. Warden.
613 CLEVELAND	Charles T. Whitney	S. Warden.
614 NEWARK VALLEY	Austin Dickerson	Master.
615 STISSING	Wilber J. Bowman	Master.
616 CAZENOVIA	Sumner F. Munson	Master.
617 TEUTONIA	Henry J. Schreiber	Master.
618 TYRIAN	Henry Kahlert	Master.
619 EAGLE	Sanford W. Abbey	Master.
620 CLINTON F. PAIGE	Walter Taft	Master.
622 CENTRAL SQUARE	Harvey A. Youmans	Master.
624 SHARON SPRINGS	Alonzo B. Coons	Master.
625 FRATERNAL	William H. Abbott	Master.
626 FRANKLINVILLE	Claude F. Townsend	Master.
627 WALLKILL	William D. Sayer	Master.
628 CITIZENS'	James McMorris	Master.
629 GOETHE	Leopold Guggenberger	Master.
630 GILBOA	Eli S. Persons	Master.
631 GIRARD	Samuel Lisberger	Master.
633 RICHVILLE	Horace E. Gardner	Master.
634 SCOTIA	Samuel J. MacDonald	Master.

635	ADVANCE	James Grayson	Master.
636	MANUAL	George E. England	Master.
637	RIISING LIGHT	Eben C. Sawyer	Master.
638	CRYSTAL WAVE	Franklin J. Spaulding	Master.
639	SOMERSET	Peter P. Landy	Master.
640	ADYTUM	Edward O'Neil, Jr.	Master.
641	COPESTONE	Charles R. Southerland	Master.
642	KNICKERBOCKER	John Corell	Master.
643	DANIEL CARPENTER	Charles H. Grube	Master.
645	RIVERHEAD	Usher B. Howell	Master.
646	RED JACKET	William C. Levi	Master.
647	MISTLETOE	Richard E. Shaw	Master.
648	CENTREVILLE	Ernest F. Conway	Master.
649	MCCLELLAN	Darius W. Hober	Master.
650	AMBOY	John J. Burlingame	Master.
651	TRUE CRAFTSMAN	S. Herbert Wolfe	Master.
653	MAMABO	Joseph Haight, Jr.	Master.
654	EMANUEL	Jacob Lowy	Master.
655	BUNTING	Charles Caldwell	Master.
656	EUCLID	Nathan S. Jonas	Master.
657	LIVINGSTON	James Bailey	Master.
658	MORRISVILLE	Lynn B. Chase	Master.
659	SOUTH OTSELIC	Ira D. Goodsell	Master.
660	ROCHESTER	Charles B. Bechtold	Master.
661	BEETHOVEN	Moritz Pollack	Master.
662	CAMBRIDGE	James F. Weales	Master.
663	MIDDLEBURGH	George A. Vroman	S. Warden.
664	AMICABLE	Frederick Bott	Master.
665	MACEDON	Henry Steiger	Master.
666	DOVER	George B. Spencer	Master.
667	CHURCHVILLE	Charles H. Sage	Master.
669	PORT LEYDEN	James Jordan	Master.
670	STAR	George T. Livingston	Master.
671	WAPPINGER'S	Elmer L. Pryor	S. Warden.
672	AMENIA	John R. Thompson	Master.
673	AVOCA	Joel W. Griswold	Master.
674	GRATITUDE	Frank Wrinn	Master.
675	YATES	Acie B. Flisk	Master.
676	SCHUYLER	Samuel Wells	Master.
677	REMSEN	Edwin Hughes	Master.
678	SEAWANHAKA	Chauncey M. Bennett	Master.
679	ÆONIAN	Samuel Hunt	Master.
680	VICTOR	Thomas H. Jackson	Master.
681	CAROLINE	Leroy McWhorter	Master.
682	NUNDA STATION	Robert E. Muir	Master.
684	BERNE	Edmund J. Martin	Master.
687	OSWEGATCHIE	George W. Hatch	Master.
688	DEPAUVILLE	Prescot Patch	Master.
689	WHAT CHEER	William F. Phelps	J. Warden.
690	REPUBLIC	Clarence H. Sandford	Master.

691	MERIDIAN.....	Harry P. Haff	Proxy.
692	DE RUTTER.....	George A. Spaulding.....	Master.
693	KIDEMAH.....	Richard A. Austin.....	Master.
694	BLAZING STAR.....	Albert T. Van Antwerp	Master.
695	ALCYONE.....	Henry H. Van Dyck.....	Master.
696	PEACOCK.....	Nathan S. Morey.....	Master.
697	FAXTON.....	Alfred J. Bromley.....	Master.
698	HERDER.....	Charles H. Topp.....	Master.
699	HARMONIE.....	George H. Lamy.....	Master.
700	AQUILA.....	Arthur A. Blair.....	S. Warden.
701	BEACON LIGHT.....	George H. Ware.....	Master.
702	MARBLE.....	Samuel L. Riley.....	Master.
703	GAVEL.....	Frederick B. Wiegand.....	Master.
704	TUSCAN.....	Joseph Marling.....	Master.
705	ACACIAN.....	Robert Bowman.....	Master.
706	CINCINNATUS.....	Benjamin Kenyon.....	Master.
707	MT. HOREB.....	Henry A. Johnson.....	Master.
708	KISCO.....	Conant S. Lyon.....	Master.
709	MERCHANTS'.....	Bernard A. Matschke.....	Master.
710	RIDGEWOOD.....	Harry H. Gould.....	Master.
711	STANDARD.....	Jesse Bull.....	Master.
712	PELHAM.....	James B. Prout.....	Master.
713	SOCIAL.....	Joseph Mann.....	S. Warden.
714	WIELAND.....	Julius Heiderman.....	Master.
715	IROQUOIS.....	B. D. Severence.....	Master.
716	HOBASCO.....	Willard H. Austen.....	Master.
717	ORION.....	Alexander Gardner.....	Master.
718	ADONAI.....	Martin G. Schantz.....	Master.
719	ACANTHEUS.....	H. Grant Buswell.....	Master.
720	PISGAH.....	Harry M. Goulding.....	Master.
721	JERUSALEM TEMPLE.....	S. W. Briggs.....	Master.
722	GERMANIA.....	William Karle.....	Master.
723	ROCKLAND.....	Arthur C. Brady.....	Master.
724	ANCIENT.....	Stephen C. Bedell.....	Proxy.
725	SOUTHERN LIGHT.....	John J. Hollenbeck.....	Master.
726	CAUTIOUS.....	Isaac Dalrymple.....	Master.
727	CHARITY.....	Charles S. Erb.....	Master.
728	ALMA.....	Richard W. Hawkey.....	Master.
729	ANCHOR.....	Henry Delamain.....	Master.
730	NEW HOPE.....	Robert Paterson.....	Master.
731	SUNNYSIDE.....	George Porter.....	Master.
732	EZEL.....	James A. Doyle.....	Master.
733	BETHEL.....	Alexander Connell.....	Master.
734	VERITAS.....	Edward A. Solky.....	Master.
735	UHLAND.....	Louis Wendel, Jr.....	Master.
736	NEPPERHAN.....	Edwin F. Howard.....	Master.
737	GUTTENBERG.....	Charles H. Bissikummer.....	Master.
738	MIZPAH.....	Henry Shilson.....	Master.
739	RADIANT.....	Charles A. Heller.....	Master.
740	ALLEMANIA.....	Henry Paulsen.....	Master.

741 SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP	W. R. Gay	Proxy.
742 STAR OF CUBA	Phil T. Lutz	Proxy.
743 MAIMONIDES	Maurice Betté	Master.
744 PENTALPHA	Robert M. Bingham	Master.
745 STUYVESANT	John C. Wilkie	Master.
746 ROOME	Charles T. Lunt	Master.
747 SANCTORUM	Nathan Solomon	Master.
748 LINCOLN	Leopold Friesen	Master.
749 FELLOWSHIP	J. Jay Doty	Master.
750 SHAKESPEARE	William Goldsticker	Master.
751 LA UNIVERSAL	Marcellino Perez	Master.
752 NAPHTHALI	Joseph W. Duglies	Master.
753 JUSTICE	Edward Percy Howard	Master.
754 NOAH	Justin L. Smith	Master.
755 SAVONA	D. Wellington Bennett	Master.
756 AURORA GRATA	Edgar P. Rice	Master.
757 SILVER	Ira D. Rowley	S. Warden.
758 COVENANT	John Keating	Master.
759 OATKA	William N. Smith	Master.
760 KLOPSTOCK	George W. Stake	Master.
761 MAPLE GROVE	Samuel B. Luckey	Master.
762 CENTENNIAL	Leo Philip Ulmann	Master.
764 SAVANNAH	Amon S. Farnum	Master.
765 VON MENSCH	William M. Pitzner	Master.
766 OCCIDENTAL	John F. Burfiend	Master.
767 DUNKIRK	Charles D. Armstrong	Master.
768 SAPPHIRE	George A. Kelsey	Master.
769 ANTHON	Henry H. Celler	Master.
770 GOLDEN RULE	Daniel E. Ryan	Master.
771 SOLON	Charles Arras	Master.
772 RESCUE	Charles Wait	Master.
774 LANSING	Will H. Lobdell	Master.
775 MOUNT LEBANON	Manly S. Dodge	Master.
776 RELIANCE	Frank E. Krueger	Master.
777 RESTORATION	John W. McPhee	Master.
778 LIVONIA	Frederick A. Wicker	Master.
779 CLIO	Melvin B. Stevens	Master.
780 HENRY RENNER	Benjamin F. Willis	Master.
781 CANASERAGA	Norman S. Fay	Master.
782 TRIUNE	Clinton D. Parkhill	Master.
784 KING HIRAM	J. Dewitt Payne	Master.
785 NIAGARA RIVER	Fred J. Coe	Master.
786 ITALIA	Eduardo Perugini	Master.
787 GASPORT	John S. Maynard	Master.
788 FORTUNE	James A. Ashdown	Master.
789 WHITE FACE MOUNTAIN	Arthur D. Manning	Master.
790 TAHAWUS	Halsey R. Graves	S. Warden.
791 LIVINGSTON MANOR	John W. Holt	Master.
792 MINERVA	Samuel Smith	Master.
793 BABYLON	Charles Searle	Master.

794 MOUNT DEFIANCE	Harry U. Frost.....	J. Warden.
795 WHITNEY'S POINT	Rodolph W. Whaley.....	Master.
796 DOLGEVILLE	Floyd B. Knapp.....	Master.
797 FRANK R. LAWRENCE.....	Wallace J. Herriman.....	Master.
798 DAY STAR.....	James Bower, Jr.....	Master.
799 ORISKANY	George H. Graham.....	Master.
800 APAWAMIS.....	William H. Smith.....	Master.
801 SIDNEY	George F. Cosgrove.....	Master.
802 ONONDAGA	Arthur J. Robinson.....	Master.
803 KEDRON	Allan McLain Rodgers.....	Master.
804 ONESQUETHAU.....	Frank M. Crum.....	Master.
805 CORINTHIAN TEMPLE.....	William E. Williams.....	Master.
806 MATINECOOK.....	Theodore A. Swan.....	Master.
807 MOUNT TABOR.....	Dayton E. Slater.....	Master.
808 OLYMPIA	Sanford J. Ellsworth.....	Master.
809 URIEL.....	John H. Neejer.....	Master.
810 URALIA	Edward J. Reimann.....	Master.
811 BEREAN	A. Ten Eyck.....	Proxy.
812 ARION.....	William C. Bushnell.....	Master.
813 HEBRON.....	Samuel C. Cockburn.....	Master.
814 SCONONDOA.....	John D. Trimm.....	Master.
815 JOHN HODGE.....	David H. Conley.....	Master.
816 MONGAUP.....	William B. Hand.....	Master.
817 STERLING.....	Abraham J. Piddian.....	Master.
818 MELROSE.....	C. D. Buchanan.....	Master.
819 COMPOSITE.....	Maurice Swartz.....	Master.
820 ONDWA.....	Edwin R. Hamstreet.....	S. Warden.
821 BETHANY.....	William E. Brown.....	Master.
823 MASSAPEQUA.....	William H. Holdsworth.....	Master.
828 DEPEW.....	Fred G. Brost.....	Master.
824 MAZZINI.....	Carlo Rampone.....	Master.
825 KILWINNING.....	Alexander S. Cook.....	Master.
826 SUTHERLAND.....	Thomas P. C. Barnard.....	Master.
827 HARLEM VALLEY.....	Fred C. Taber.....	Master.
828 PLATTSBURGH.....	Orrin E. Robinson.....	Master.
829 WELCOME.....	Edward H. Parks.....	S. Warden.
830 EUNICE.....	Charles E. Delchman.....	S. Warden.

Fraternally submitted,

EDWARD M. L. EHLERS,	} Committee.
ARTHUR B. CORNWALL,	
EDWIN G. DAVIS,	

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

M. W. JAMES TEN EYCK, from the Committee on Finance, presented the report of said committee, which was received and its recommendations adopted.

To the Grand Lodge:

The Committee on Finance recommend that the following appropriations be made:

For the salary of the Grand Pursuivant.....	\$300 00
“ “ “ “ Tiler	300 00
“ “ “ “ Lecturer	2,400 00
“ “ “ “ Secretary	4,800 00
To the Librarian, for the Library.....	1,200 00
“ Grand Secretary, for clerk hire.....	2,700 00
“ Grand Lecturer, for traveling expenses....	600 00
“ Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and for translations.....	600 00

Your Committee also recommend that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay upon the certificate of the Grand Secretary the necessary expenses connected with the offices of the Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary, including printing, stationery, and postage for the ensuing year.

Fraternally submitted,
 JAMES TEN EYCK,
 WILLIAM S. HACKETT, } Committee.
 SAMUEL CROOK,

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The hour for the special order having arrived, the Grand Lodge proceeded with the election of officers.

M. : W. : JOHN STEWART, Past Grand Master in the Chair.

The following named brethren were appointed tellers :

W. : IRVING WORTMANN, Master Adelphi Lodge, No. 23.
 BRO. FIELDS HERMANCIE, Junior Warden York Lodge, No. 197.
 W. : CHARLES H. BURT, Master Sincerity Lodge, No. 200.
 W. : JOHN R. JOHNSTON, Master Astor Lodge, No. 603.
 W. : CHARLES A. WINCHESTER, Master Freedom Lodge, No. 324.
 W. : BERTON KEYS, Master Murray Lodge, No. 380.
 W. : CONANT S. LYON, Master Kisco Lodge, No. 708.
 W. : HENRY A. JOHNSON, Master Mt. Horeb Lodge, No. 707.
 BRO. ADAM C. DOUGLASS, Senior Warden Delhi Lodge, No. 439.
 W. : CHARLES ARRAS, Master Solon Lodge, No. 771.
 W. : SAMUEL H. HOLMES, Master Joppa Lodge, No. 201.
 W. : WILLIAM G. SICKLES, Master Ulster Lodge, No. 193.

M. : W. : CHARLES W. MEAD was elected Grand Master by acclamation.

R.: W.: ELBERT CRANDALL was elected Deputy Grand Master by acclamation.

R.: W.: CHARLES W. CUSHMAN was elected Senior Grand Warden by acclamation, but declined the office, as follows :

M.: W.: Sir and Brethren of the Grand Lodge: It is most gratifying indeed to receive at your hands this continued recognition by your unanimous vote for the position of Senior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge. The courtesy is fully appreciated and brings with it a remembrance of the honors which for years you have conferred upon me.

For months, yes, for many months—in fact, for the past two years—I have realized that my inability to get around was a great detriment to my serving as an active Grand Lodge Officer. For eleven years I have served this Grand Lodge in various capacities—four years as Junior Grand Warden, during which time my serious illness occurred; two years as Senior Grand Warden; but, brethren, under the circumstances I feel as though I could not consistently, with justice to myself, or with justice to this Grand Lodge, continue longer in office.

In retiring, I do so feeling that I have conscientiously endeavored at all times to faithfully perform the duties which have been assigned to me. Then again, M.: W.: Sir, this administration has been one of perfect harmony from the Grand Master down so far as the elective officers are concerned. I feel, under these circumstances, that now is the proper time for me to retire.

Human life is crowded with opportunities for a Mason to show to the world that the brightest banner that casts a shadow among the living is the banner of Masonry, that the Masonic Fraternity is broad with sympathy and should be aglow with fraternal love. While the vigor of manhood is ours, fidelity to the principles of Masonry will burst the buds that bloom all along our pathway, and when we come to lie down to rest with the millions of those who have lived and labored and died in the life and light of Masonic truth, our living or our dying will give emphasis to the words of our ancient brethren who said, "May we so live that, when we come to die, we may lie down in our graves as one possessed in sleep, to be found worthy of being remembered in the memory of man."

The years come and go, joyous sunshine to-day, sorrow and sadness to-morrow. The lilies of the field blossom and bloom with their fragrant sweetness and then pass away. Man lives for a moment and casts his shadow of greatness among the living, and then comes the great hereafter; and so it is with our lives. As Masons we should be honorable, straightforward, and true one to another. Keep dissensions out of our ranks, for they are unmasonic. Brethren, may the sweetest and the brightest sunshine of life continue to be yours.

M.: W.: JAMES TEN EYCK, Past Grand Master, addressed the Grand Lodge in reference to the declination of R.: W.: CHARLES W. CUSHMAN, and presented the following, which was, on motion, unanimously adopted :

Appreciating the great services rendered the Craft by R. W. CHARLES W. CUSHMAN, and deeply regretting that his physical condition compels him to decline the office of Senior Grand Warden,

Resolved, That, as an expression of our esteem, BRO. CHARLES W. CUSHMAN be and is hereby made Honorary Past Grand Master with the title of Most Worshipful.

R. W. FRANK H. ROBINSON was elected Senior Grand Warden by acclamation.

R. W. S. NELSON SAWYER was elected Junior Grand Warden by acclamation.

R. W. THEODORE A. TAYLOR was elected Grand Treasurer by acclamation.

R. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS was elected Grand Secretary by acclamation.

M. W. WILLIAM A. BRODIE, Past Grand Master, addressed the Grand Lodge in reference to the unusual services rendered by the Grand Secretary during his twenty years in office, and submitted the following, which was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That, as an expression of our esteem, BRO. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS be and is hereby made Honorary Past Grand Master with the title of Most Worshipful.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DECEASED BRETHREN.

R. W. GEORGE R. VAN DE WATER, from the Committee on Deceased Brethren, presented the report of said committee, which was received, and its recommendations adopted.

To the Grand Lodge:

The most casual observer of such of the ceremonies of Masonry as are publicly performed must have been impressed by their solemnity, while those who are entitled to all the rights, lights, and privileges of Masonry know that it is no frivolous thing to be initiated, passed, and raised, nor any irresponsible obligation to assume the duties of a member of the order.

If Masonry has survived all shocks of ages, during which it has fought for existence and flourished, it is solely because it is in all its teachings entirely true to life.

The social advantages of membership in our order are many and great, the more numerous and mighty as time goes on, and the organization be-

comes powerful. The intellectual opportunities afforded by the work, and proper administration of the degrees, the mental culture involved in a study of the principles and practices of Masonry in various countries at different periods of the world's history, are at once very interesting, and, from the standpoint of a student, very profitable. A comparison of what we learn from Masonic lore and tradition with what is told us in Revelation and writings that are inspired, goes far to strengthen one's faith in the accuracy of the ancient records, and makes us feel at one with the strong men and the stirring events of the years that have long ago passed. There are also in the labor and in the refreshment of our Lodges many things that minister—and rightly minister—to the demands of our natures for recreation and mirth, so that work may not become irksome, nor life ever seem to be a drudge.

And yet, with all these advantages, these ministrants of Masonry, so to speak, to the social, the intellectual, the lighter and pleasurable instincts of our being, Masonry is still a serious thing, as life is a serious thing. There is not a degree conferred that does not leave a solemn impression upon the mind of its beneficiary. A solemn service has been duly authorized for the burial of its dead. The most sublime of all its teachings has to do with the transitoriness of time, the certitude of death, the absolute conviction that immortality ensues. The trumpet of Masonry has never uttered any uncertain sound upon these vital truths. With open Bible on its altar, and glistening "G" above its throne in the east, when any brother in doubt or despair dare ask, "Does death end all?" Masonry utters its emphatic negative.

We have assembled here from every important hamlet of this great Empire State to take counsel together, and to legislate in the interest of this much loved and age-honored Craft. There is no conveticle of men, secular or sacred, as representative of every interest of life, ever held in this banner State of our Union as is this. Time at our disposal is necessarily limited. It were reckless to waste it. The business pressing for consideration is urgent. It were impertinent to intrude anything needless. For better or for worse we meet here, representative men of our order, to legislate for more than one hundred thousand of our brethren. These, in turn, represent our best citizenship; these Masons are everywhere the strong men of the community, who, with occasional evidences of the sad failings and weaknesses of our kind, more than any other body of men you can find, are the backbone of the community, faithful husbands, devoted parents, honest and conspicuous in marts of trade, in professional pursuits, who in civil or social or ecclesiastical life are conspicuously good as well as confessedly great.

Have men like these any time to stop and consider anything but issues that are alive, pressing, demanding immediate consideration? Have we time, even a little time, to think of our dead? Yes, we will take the time, make the time, we busy men more than others, for we know that after it happens that those who rush thoughtlessly accomplish less than they who work with proper deliberation. We will not allow ourselves too much to be absorbed in things of the earth earthy. Masonry warns us so to pass through things temporal as not to lose the things eternal. We will be true to its tenets. These are not designed to make

us sad, but reasonably solemn. The product of true Masonic work, he in whom is exemplified true Masonic teachings, is not a clown but a philosopher.

Come, then, and let us reason together. Many dear to us as brethren have left us this last year. Though gone from us they have not forgotten us, we have good reason to believe. They are nearer to us than we are wont to think. To bury the dead, then regard them as ceasing to exist, is pagan, too heathen for a good Mason. We may think of the dead as living in another country, ships traveling between us all going the one way. Every religion worthy the name confirms the natural desire of man to have communion with those whose rest is won. The dead are the majority. Compared with their goodly number, we are but few. Discreditable would it be for us in annual convocation to do less than name those most prominent, and remember most gratefully all who have departed this life, left our Lodges to take exalted degrees, the significance of which we cannot know now, but shall surely know hereafter.

Let other business rest then until this, the proper business of the hour, be disposed of, and let us not wish the time were otherwise used, while we bless Almighty God for the good examples of brothers departed, and pray, each for himself, that with these he may be numbered among the saints in glory everlasting.

Our most worshipful Grand Master, with characteristic care, has taken pains in his annual address to mention by name those of our own jurisdiction who have died this last year, and of most all has spoken fitting and becoming words of tribute and appreciation. Of such, nothing more in this report need be said, though for a long time we are sure among good men and Masons everywhere both their names and characters will be gratefully remembered.

There are other jurisdictions than our own with which we have close fraternal relations and intercourse. Though ours is the Empire State we have interests in common with all other States of our Union, and so extensive is Freemasonry that our fraternal relations and sympathies extend to the uttermost confines of the civilized habitable globe.

Proper is it, therefore, for this committee to mention in its report, and to mention in such a way that we shall have on permanent record the names at least of those Grand Officers of other Grand Bodies who during the last Masonic year have passed beyond the impenetrable veil separating us from eternity. Seventeen Most Worshipful Grand Masters or Past Grand Masters have died during the year. They are:

NICHOLAS R. RUNKLE, of Indiana, died at Indianapolis, May 4, 1900.

JACOB J. TODD, also of Indiana, died at Bluffton, May 15, 1900.

JOHN A. TRUTT, of California, died at Woodland, May 19, 1900.

W. H. GEE, of Arkansas, died at Dardanelle, May 28, 1900.

THOMAS TROUNCE, of British Columbia, died at Victoria, June 30, 1900.

HARRY KEENE, of Missouri, died at St. Joseph, July 2, 1900.

THOMAS B. LONG, of Indiana, died at Terre Haute, July 2, 1900.

CARLOS B. MELTZ, of Porto Rico, Representative of the Grand Lodge of New York, died at New York, July 6, 1900.

ALANSON PARTRIDGE, of Michigan, died at Birmingham, July 7, 1900.

GEORGE H. MORGAN, of Tennessee, died at Gainsboro, July 27, 1900.

J. SIMPSON AFRICA, of Pennsylvania, died at Huntington, August 8, 1900.

ROBERT M. SMITH, of Arkansas, died at Galveston, Tex., September 8, 1900.

JOHN P. SHANNON, of Georgia, died at Elberton, September 16, 1900.

EDWIN C. BLACKMAR, of Iowa, died at Burlington, October 7, 1900.

EDWIN L. BOWRING, of Michigan, died at Grand Rapids, October 28, 1900.

BENJAMIN FLAGLER, of New York, died at New York, October 30, 1900.

JAMES A. TULLEYS, of Nebraska, died at Red Cloud, January 21, 1901.

There have been eighteen Right Worshipful brethren of eminence who have died during the year. These are:

MARION GRIMES, Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Third Masonic District, died at Brooklyn, June 28, 1900.

JOHN F. SHAFER, Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Twelfth District, died at Albany, July 4, 1900.

EPHRAIM W. RICHARDSON, who held like office in the Fifth District, died at Brooklyn, July 14, 1900.

JAMES G. JANEWAY, Commissioner of Appeals, died at New York, July 16, 1900.

EDWIN EVANS, of the Twenty-sixth District, died at Rome, August 16, 1900.

DAVID F. DAY, of the Twenty-second District, died at Buffalo, August 21, 1900.

JOHN W. LAFLIN, the Grand Secretary of Wisconsin, died at Madeline Island, August 30, 1900.

JOSEPH E. CARSON, the District Deputy Grand Master of the Third Masonic District of this jurisdiction, died at Brooklyn, October 2, 1900.

JOHN W. BROWN, Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of this State, died at New York, November 10, 1900.

THOMAS BELL, the Representative of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, died at Brooklyn, November 18, 1900.

HENRY CLAY ARMSTRONG, Grand Secretary of Alabama, died at Auburn, December 17, 1900.

EDWARD P. CAMPBELL, Past Grand Standard Bearer, died at New York, December 30, 1900.

MATTHEW TAYLOR, the Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Eighth Masonic District, died at New York, January 4, 1901.

ADOLPH G. GUTSELL, held like office in the Fourth District, died at New York, February 20, 1901.

WILLIAM R. SINGLETON, Grand Secretary of the District of Columbia, died at Washington, February 23, 1901.

JOHN F. BALDWIN, Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Seventh Masonic District, died at New York, March 13, 1901.

SOLOMON STRASSER, Past Grand Steward, died at Albany, March 18, 1901.

DAVID KAY, Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Seventh Masonic District, died at New York, March 30, 1901.

Each and all these eminent officers were such men and Masons in their day and generation that extensive obituary notices were published at the time of their deaths, fitting eulogies were paid them, and nothing but a due regard for your reasonable and limited capacity for prolonged attention to this matter of business prevents our enlarging upon the virtues of each of these estimable men.

Among the carefully preserved and well arranged notices and records of the deaths of eminent Masons kept by our most faithful and talented Grand Secretary, it has been our privilege and pleasure to roam for several hours, and our conclusion justifies us in reporting to you that wherever eminent Masons have died, the universal tribute of their neighbors and those who have known them most intimately is that they were lights in their generation, that they were men of sterling worth and estimable character, and that they died honored among their fellows and loved of God.

These records of our Grand Secretary also reveal some few names of those who, not having attained highest, or even high rank in the Craft, have either held exalted position in the service of their country or received extraordinary veneration by reason of their longevity. Masons meet all upon the level, and in the Lodge we know no titles nor rank other than those that are strictly of the Craft. Yet Masons are men, and some men are greater, more noted than others. Only small and mean men deny the tribute of appreciation to greatness. The smallest and the meanest men are they who have no reverence for age. Your Committee on Deceased Brethren would add, therefore, to the Masonic necrology of the past year the names of BRO. JOHN W. PHILIP, of Catskill Lodge, No. 468, the Rear Admiral of the United States Navy, the gallant officer, the heroic fighter, the man who loved God and was not ashamed to confess his religion before men; good, faithful, noble, generous brother, whose heart never beat other than true, while his courage was second to none; who taught the whole world, when on quarter-deck he called upon his men to thank God for victory, and asked them to cease cheering while the poor devils, the enemy, were dying, that to be brave it is never necessary to be a bully, and that to fight one need not cease to pray. He died at Brooklyn, June 30, 1900. Lastly we would mention Worshipful ADNA A. TREAT, Past Master of Apollo Lodge, No. 13, who died at Denver, Colo., in full possession of all his faculties, on December 9, 1900, in the 104th year of his age, at the time the oldest living Mason in the world, of whom it was said at the time of his death, "His days were many, but his worth who can declare?" One cannot but feel the impulse of a reasonable pride in the product of Masonry as he reads the public notices and obituary resolutions published at the time of the death of these eminent brethren, all of whom, without exception, have left behind them a fragrant memory and a cherished benediction.

Such a study of the records of our fraternal dead among the several jurisdictions of our country as we have made, without which study and careful review the writing of this report would be an impertinence and an unjustifiable expenditure of time, justifies us in the conviction that, speaking generally, and almost specifically, Masons everywhere are men self-respecting and by others respected, that man for man considered, they are the best of any community, that they are true to home and family, loyal

to municipality, commonwealth, and country, generous patrons of beneficent charities, supporters of our synagogues and churches, the bone and sinew of our body politic. To belong to such an order is an honor. Masonry honors men more than men can ever honor it. We know what it means in our own State, but to know as now we do that our sister jurisdictions throughout the length and breadth of our fair domain number the best men in their constituencies is occasion for pride and just cause of rejoicing.

One brother, distinguished among men and Masons, whom we have named in the list of the dead, deserves no more extended notice in this report than do many others, possibly than do all others; but he will receive it because first we have been bidden to speak of him by our Most Worshipful Grand Master, and second, because of all the others mentioned we knew him the best and loved him the most. He belonged to this jurisdiction, had been a Grand Officer of this Grand Lodge, and when he died, though charged with many responsibilities as a distinguished divine in charge of one of the largest and most influential parishes of this metropolis, was interested in and an active member of many societies and orders, and not interested in any more than the one in whose behalf we are met to-day.

It is true that DR. BROWN was known chiefly as an ecclesiastic. He looked what he was—every inch a priest, and every whit a pastor. He was designated perhaps by an appellation that in the Christian world refers to a body of respectable people who worship with a book, and are fond, more or less, of ritual in their public worship; but anybody who knew our Grand Chaplain knew that no appellation of a denomination could sufficiently describe him, nor could any name that is denominational truly define him.

He was too erect to take low visions, too robust to be narrow and prejudiced; and even when the insidious disease first claimed him for its victim, none ever saw him without seeing his face wreathed in its accustomed smile, while at the end of his useful life, we who had the privilege of praying with him never saw him wince in suffering without the pressed lips betraying the kindly disposition of one who by his sufferings seemed to be made perfect. Proud are we that such a man was a Mason, and took pleasure in being a member of more than one organization of Masonic name and character.

JOHN WESLEY BROWN, Doctor in Divinity, Past Grand Chaplain of this Grand Lodge, was a man of conspicuously amiable temperament, genial in manner, warm in his sympathies, catholic-minded in his opinions, a fountain of perpetual delight to all who shared his companionship. He was born in the South and educated in Southern institutions. His early professional career was spent in Baltimore. Coming northward at a time that tried men's souls and tested their characters, he ministered in Detroit and Buffalo for a score of years, where he was a leader of men, was interested in public life, frequently spoke on public questions of great importance. Always fair, just, yet positive, he made many friends, and left no enemies behind him when he came to be the Rector of the Church of St. Thomas on Fifth Avenue, New York. Unostentatiously he pursued his work here.

At times not at all well, yet at all times working to the fullest limit

of his strength, he soon became prominent in the administration of our great charities, was numbered among the most eloquent preachers of the country, presided with wonderful dignity at public meetings, and gave an air of refinement and grace to every assemblage of which he was a part, and generally it ought even have been said a great part of which he was.

He was a man of exalted ideals, yet of wonderful common sense, a rare combination. He aimed high, yet seemed content, if not satisfied, with any attainment, if only it were honestly secured. He did not waste his time trying in vain to secure something impossible. If he could not get the best, he would take the best he could get and wait. He was a born optimist. He believed in God and in eternal goodness. He never doubted that right would eventually triumph. He shed sunshine wherever he went. He was a lighthouse, and never a dark lantern. The world was better for his having lived in it. Everything he touched was improved by the contact. He was the most popular man of any circle which he graced, and with every temptation to be heady and haughty JOHN WESLEY BROWN was never other than gentle and humble and unaffected.

Some people want to see ministers kept as if in glass cases that they may never come in contact with a wicked world.

Some ministers make the awful blunder of their lives when, from whatever motive, they mingle so much with the world that they become worldly. In either instance they are despised; in the one because they think themselves too good, in the other because others know that they are bad.

DR. BROWN's distinguishing characteristic was this: he knew how to go in the world and never to be like it. He loved the world and worldly fellows benevolently, not too congenially. He preserved that very desirable mean between the two extremes of pharisaism and secularism.

He was never less than a clergyman and never other than a man. His memory is blessed. His personality was striking, but no more so than his character. His face was kindly to look upon, and his heart warm to feel. His hands were stretched toward the needy when not uplifted in prayer. He loved to linger to the very end of the word of the third degree, to hear reiterated the solemn lessons of life and immortality. He exemplified Freemasonry. He was himself what he professed. One man like DR. BROWN in a community does more to uphold the traditions of our order and perpetuate its honorable teachings than all the charges and historical lectures that have been delivered since the day that Solomon's Temple was dedicated.

Brethren, our time is short. Men come and men go. Soon we shall separate. Never again shall we all meet together in one place on earth. Go back to your homes and tell the brethren what we did and what it all was for. Read to them the records of our transactions. Let us teach the brethren in and about the body of the Lodge that Freemasonry in its last analysis is goodness, and that this is its only claim to lasting greatness. This is what gives it its living power. Without it in any community, it languishes, and without it too long, it dies. "The memory of the just is blessed." "The name of the wicked shall rot."

We bless God, finally, for the good examples of these distinguished men and Masons, our brothers, and we pray for grace to become like them.

We recommend that a memorial page of our records of this Grand Lodge be set apart and inscribed to each of the honored dead of this Masonic jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE R. VAN DE WATER,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
JOHN LAUBENHEIMER,		
WALLACE BUTTRICK,		

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until this afternoon at two o'clock.

Inscribed

TO THE MEMORY

OF

M.: W.: BENJAMIN FLAGLER,

PAST GRAND MASTER,

DIED OCTOBER 30, 1900.

Inscribed

TO THE MEMORY

OF

R.: W.: MARION GRIMES,

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT,

DIED JUNE 28, 1900.

Inscribed

TO THE MEMORY

OF

BROTHER JOHN W. PHILIP,

REAR ADMIRAL, UNITED STATES NAVY,

DIED JUNE 30, 1900.

Inscribed

TO THE MEMORY

OF

R.: W.: JOHN F. SHAFER,

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT,

DIED JULY 4, 1900.

Inscribed

TO THE MEMORY

OF

R.: W.: EPHRAIM W. RICHARDSON

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT,

DIED JULY 14, 1900.

Inscribed

TO THE MEMORY

OF

R.: W.: JAMES G. JANEWAY,

COMMISSIONER OF APPEALS,

DIED JULY 16, 1900.

Inscribed

TO THE MEMORY

OF

R.: W.: EDWIN EVANS,

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

TWENTY-SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT,

DIED AUGUST 16, 1900.

Inscribed

TO THE MEMORY

OF

 W.: DAVID F. DAY

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER
TWENTY-SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT,

DIED AUGUST 21, 1900.

Inscribed

TO THE MEMORY

OF

R.: W.: JOSEPH E. CARSON,

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT,

DIED OCTOBER 2, 1900.

Inscribed

TO THE MEMORY

OF

R.: W.: THOMAS BELL,

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,

DIED NOVEMBER 18, 1900.

Inscribed
TO THE MEMORY
OF
W.: ADNA A. TREAT,

PAST MASTER APOLLO LODGE NO. 13 PRIOR TO 1849,

DIED DECEMBER 9, 1900.

Inscribed

TO THE MEMORY

OF

R.-. W.: EDWARD P. CAMPBELL,

PAST GRAND STANDARD BEARER,

DIED DECEMBER 13, 1900.

Inscribed

TO THE MEMORY

OF

R.: W.: MATTHEW TAYLOR,

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT,

DIED JANUARY 4, 1901.

TO THE

R.: W.: ADOLPH

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

DIED FEBRUARY 20, 19

Inscribed

TO THE MEMORY

OF

R.: W.: JOHN F. BALDWIN,

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT,

DIED MARCH 13, 1901.

Inscribed

TO THE MEMORY

OF

R.: W.: GEORGE H. CLEAVES,

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT,

DIED MARCH 15, 1901.

Inscribed

TO THE MEMORY

OF

R.: W.: SOLOMON STRASSER,

PAST GRAND STEWARD,

DIED MARCH 18, 1901.

Inscribed

TO THE MEMORY

OF

R.: W.: DAVID KAY,

**PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER
SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT,**

DIED MARCH 30, 1901.

Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge resumed its session on Wednesday afternoon, May 8, A.D. 1901; A.L. 5901, at two o'clock.

Present: R.: W.: ELBERT CRANDALL, Deputy Grand Master, in the chair.

Officers and Representatives as before.

Prayer by R.: W.: WALLACE BUTTRICK, Grand Chaplain.

The minutes of this morning's session were read and approved.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

W.: JAMES H. MITCHELL, from the Special Committee on the Grand Master's Address, presented the following report, which was received and its recommendations adopted:

To the Grand Lodge:

The Special Committee to whom was referred the address of the Most Worshipful Grand Master for subdivision and reference of the several parts thereof to appropriate committees respectfully recommend:

First. That so much thereof as relates to the fraternal dead be referred to the Committee on Deceased Brethren.

Second. That so much thereof as relates to new Lodges be referred to the Committee on Charters.

Third. That so much thereof as relates to the Patroness of Freemasonry be referred to a committee of three (3).

Fourth. That so much thereof as relates to work and lectures be referred to the Committee on Work and Lectures.

Fifth. That so much thereof as relates to Masonic Home be referred to the Standing Committee on Hall and Asylum.

Your committee would feel that it had failed to properly perform its duty if it neglected to call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the inestimable services which the Grand Master has given the Craft during the

past year. He has officiated in person at public ceremonies whenever it was possible to do so, and his addresses on such occasions have excited the enthusiastic approval of the brethren and have done much to uphold the high standard of Freemasonry and to command for it the respect and admiration of the uninitiated. It is a matter of regret that these addresses, models of scholarly diction and graceful expression, and delivered with a force that could not fail to carry conviction, could not reach the ears of every member of this Fraternity. Your committee believes that, as far as possible, these addresses should be preserved, not only for the benefit of the present membership of this and other Grand Lodges, but that future generations may also profit thereby. It is, therefore, recommended that the Grand Master be requested to furnish, so far as possible, copies of his addresses above referred to, and that they be published in the appendix of the Proceedings of this session of the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES H. MITCHELL,	} Committee.
VALENTINE SCHEIDELL,	
WILLIAM J. DEANS,	

M.: W.: WILLIAM A. SUTHERLAND, Past Grand Master ;
 R.: W.: GEORGE HAYES, Past Grand Treasurer, and R.: W.:
 PETER ROSS, Grand Historian, were appointed the Special Com-
 mittee in the matter of the Patroness of Freemasonry.

On motion of W.: RICHARD W. HAWKEY, Master of Alma
 Lodge, No. 728, the several committees were permitted to sit
 during the sessions of the Grand Lodge.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HALL AND ASYLUM FUND.

R.: W.: CLAYTON S. SCOTT, from the Standing Committee
 on Hall and Asylum Fund, presented the report of said commit-
 tee, which was received and its recommendations adopted :

To the Grand Lodge:

The Standing Committee on Hall and Asylum Fund respectfully sub-
 mits the following as its annual report:

At the first regular quarterly meeting of this committee, held at the
 Masonic Home at Utica, Monday, July 9, 1900, the committee organized
 with BRO. FREDERIC C. WAGNER as Chairman. R.: W.: CLAYTON S.

SCOTT was elected Secretary, and with R. W. DOW BEEKMAN was appointed as a sub-committee to examine the accounts of the Trustees.

In accordance with the rules of order of the Grand Lodge governing this committee, regular meetings have been held quarterly, each of them at the Home at Utica, and a report of these meetings has been furnished to the Grand Master. At each of these meetings a thorough inspection of the buildings has been made and the committee has never found occasion to express other than words of commendation concerning their management.

The members of this committee desire to express their entire approval of the action of the Trustees and to commend their good judgment in the manner in which they have carried out the directions of the Grand Lodge and the recommendations of this committee in regard to the erection of the addition to the children's building, to provide additional dormitory room. It would seem that this addition will amply provide for any probable increase in this department of the Home for years to come.

It is not a perfunctory duty, but a real pleasure for this committee to allude to the efficient management of the Home by Superintendent Anthony, which excites the wonder and admiration of all who visit it. The unspeakable sorrow through which he has passed seems to have drawn him even closer than ever before to those who are so dependent upon his kindly ministrations. Fortunate, indeed, is the Craft in this great jurisdiction in being able to command his services, and may it please the Great Architect to spare him to us yet these many years.

The simple yet admirable system of keeping the accounts of the Home by the Superintendent, and the model and business-like methods followed by the Trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund in the administration of the great financial interests of the Craft which are entrusted to them, rendered the labors of the sub-Auditing Committee far less laborious than seemed possible. This sub-committee has gone thoroughly over the hundreds of accounts, aggregating thousands of dollars, and the investigation warrants the conclusion that those who have administered these important interests have in every way proven themselves worthy of the trust reposed in them.

The members of this committee desire to call the attention of the Craft throughout the State to the erroneous impression which seems to generally prevail that the limit of the capacity of the Home has been reached and that only as death creates vacancies can additional applicants find admission. How this widespread error originated is inconceivable, for never in the history of the institution has the admission of an applicant been denied or even delayed because the limit set by the Grand Lodge has been reached, or because the applicant could not be provided for. The limit to the number of inmates was raised by the Grand Lodge last year to three hundred, and the report of the Superintendent, which has already been presented, shows that the number of inmates March 1, 1901, was 241.

It seems more than passing strange to this committee that of the more than one hundred thousand Master Masons in good standing in this State, only a comparatively small proportion of this number ever saw the magnificent edifice erected in the beautiful Mohawk Valley after so many years of patient toil and anxious anticipation, where our unfortunate wards are so bountifully provided for. Many of the brethren never gazed upon the

outer walls of the institution of which we are so justly proud, or saw the interior picture of happiness and content.

It is a duty and should be a pleasure for every member of the Fraternity to visit the Home. The Master of the Lodge who does so would carry back to his members a vision of charity more realistic than could be pictured by the most eloquently worded ritualistic phraseology.

This committee cannot conclude without urging upon the brethren not to content themselves with committee reports. It is your Home, brethren, and merits your personal inspection.

GERMAN MASONIC TEMPLE ASSOCIATION.

The Twenty-fourth Report of the German Masonic Temple Association again calls to the attention of the entire Fraternity the commendable zeal and fidelity of the brethren of the Ninth Masonic District. The many difficulties which they encounter only add to the glory of the work which they have been able to accomplish.

PETITION FOR HOSPITAL IN METROPOLITAN DISTRICT.

The petition of various brethren for the Grand Lodge to erect a hospital in the Metropolitan District has been referred to this committee, and we beg leave to report that, however commendable the project, we do not deem it expedient at this time for the Grand Lodge to assume the additional burden which would be necessary in carrying out this request.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

FREDERIC C. WAGNER,	} Committee.
DOW BEEKMAN,	
JOHN C. THOMPSON,	
MAURICE UNTERMYER,	
CLAYTON S. SCOTT,	

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE PATRONESS OF FREEMASONRY.

M. : W. : WILLIAM A. SUTHERLAND, from the Special Committee on the Patroness of Freemasonry, presented the following report, which was received and its recommendation adopted :

To the Grand Lodge:

The undersigned, the special committee appointed to prepare and report to the Grand Lodge an expression of the sentiments of this Grand Lodge upon the death of Victoria, the late Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, and the accession of Edward VII., late Grand Master of English Freemasons, to the throne, and the election and installation of the Duke of Connaught as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, present the following and recommend its adoption :

With the Grand Lodge of England we hold peculiar relations. Erected into a Grand Lodge by the direct act of the Grand Lodge of England, authenticated by its charter bearing date September 5, 1781, our territorial jurisdiction having been once honored by an actual session of an emergent communication of the Grand Lodge of England; to wit, on the 21st day of February, 1782, the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York rightfully looks upon the Grand Lodge of England as its mother Grand Lodge. Proud of our relationship, we rejoice in her prosperity and deeply sympathize with her every sorrow. By the death of Britain's Queen the Grand Lodge of New York is touched almost as closely as is the Grand Lodge of England. We remember that while it was the Duke of Athol who, in 1781, as Grand Master, subscribed the charter creating this Grand Lodge, there was, nevertheless, but one Grand Master intervening between him and the Most Worshipful the Duke of Kent, the father of Queen Victoria. We recall that at the time the Grand Lodge of England ("Ancients") chartered this Grand Lodge, the then Prince of Wales, afterwards George IV., the uncle of her late Majesty, was the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge styled "Moderns." We remember that His Grace the Duke of Sussex, an uncle of Victoria and brother of the Duke of Kent, became Grand Master of the "Moderns" in 1813, and His Grace the Duke of Kent accepted the Grand Mastership of the "Ancients" in the same year, for the expressed purpose of joining with his brother in accomplishing the union of the two Grand Lodges into the present, the United Grand Lodge of England; and that upon motion of the Duke of Kent, the Duke of Sussex was elected the first Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge, continuing as such from 1813 to 1842. We recall with liveliest satisfaction that in 1874, on the resignation of the Marquis of Ripon as Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, the eldest son of the Sovereign, accepted the gavel of our mother Grand Lodge, and held the same with such great distinction for a quarter of a century. We observe also with great pleasure that when, upon the death of the Queen, her eldest son ascended the throne as Edward VII., and the cares of State, as well as the custom of the Craft, made needful his retirement from the Grand Master's chair, another son of this most illustrious mother, the Duke of Connaught, has been chosen and now is the Most Worshipful Grand Master of English Masons. The death of one who was the daughter of one Grand Master, the niece of two, and the mother of two, cannot fail to touch closely the heart of every Freemason. But she who was England's Queen was also a queen in the hearts of all good men of every kindred and every tongue. The nobility of her womanly character secured her enthronement in the affections of the people of every nation. Joining with all other good and impartial citizens of this republic in genuine sorrow at the loss of the British Empire in the death of the Queen, we, as Freemasons, wish to extend a handclasp to our brethren beyond the sea and assure them of our most fraternal regard and our deep and abiding sympathy.

At the same time we extend our felicitations to the Grand Lodge of England in that it has been enabled in so unmistakable a manner to acquaint the world with the high qualities and rare qualifications of him who is now the King. Not only has he stood in the public gaze as the

heir-apparent to the throne, and therefore subject to the severe tests accompanying so trying a position; not only has he borne himself as first subject of the realm with such rare dignity, tact, and good judgment as to inspire the confidence of the civilized world; but as the actual head and Grand Master of English Freemasons he has so sturdily and yet so gently held the gavel of authority; he has so steadfastly and yet so kindly ruled the Craft; he so promptly and so beautifully admonished the Craft by the resolutions which he proposed to the Grand Lodge of England relative to the attack upon the Bible made by the late Grand Master of Peru, CHRISTIAN DAM; he has so graciously and so impressively officiated at Masonic functions; and has so judiciously and benignantly guided the Craft of his jurisdiction as to command the respect, the admiration, the genuine esteem and affectionate regard of the Freemasons of every jurisdiction. English Freemasons may well be proud of the Grand Master that was and the sovereign that is.

Sharing in the grief which, by the death of the Queen, January 22, 1901, fell upon all Freemasons owing allegiance to the British Empire, and with genuine admiration for the son of that mother, who, by his ability as the ruler of the Craft, has demonstrated his fitness to be ruler of the nation, we extend to the Grand Lodge of England our sympathy in its bereavement, our fondest hopes for its continued prosperity, and our felicitation that its fortunes have been so closely entwined with those of that family of which Victoria was so illustrious a member.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he hereby is, instructed to communicate this action of the Grand Lodge of New York to the Grand Lodge of England.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM A. SUTHERLAND,	} Committee.
GEORGE HAYES,	
PETER ROSS,	

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge resumed its session on Thursday morning, May 9, A.D. 1901 ; A.L. 5901, at nine o'clock.

Present : M. . W. . CHARLES W. MEAD, Grand Master.

Officers and Representatives as before.

Prayer by R. . W. . GEORGE R. VAN DE WATER, Grand Chaplain.

The minutes of yesterday afternoon's session were read and approved.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

W. . ALFRED E. OMMEN, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, presented the report of said committee, which was received and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

To the Grand Lodge:

The Committee on Unfinished Business begs to report that all unfinished business from the last Annual Communication has been disposed of at this Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

ALFRED E. OMMEN, GEORGE H. LAMY, H. GRANT BUSWELL,	} Committee.
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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

W. . HENRY M. GOLDFOGLE, from the Committee on Printing, presented the report of said committee, which was received and its recommendation adopted.

To the Grand Lodge:

The Committee on Printing respectfully recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to contract for all printing required by the Grand Lodge or that which may be needed in the discharge of his duties.

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY M. GOLDFOGLE,	} Committee.
ALLEN McLAIN RODGERS,	
FRANK B. SHIPMAN,	

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES.

W. L. WILL L. LLOYD, from the Committee on Grievances, presented the report of said committee, which was received and its recommendations adopted.

To the Grand Lodge:

The Committee on Grievances would respectfully submit the following report:

1. In the matter of the petition of NATHAN NEWSTEAD, expelled by Zerubbabel Lodge, No. 329, F. & A. M. (now out of existence), for restoration to the rights and privileges of Masonry; Section 65 of the Code of Procedure as amended at the last Annual Session of the Grand Lodge provides as follows:

"SECTION 65. An application for restoration having been presented to Grand Lodge will be referred to a committee (on Grievances probably), but no action on such application *can* OR *shall* be taken unless notice of such application in writing, of not less than thirty nor more than sixty days, shall first have been duly served on the Lodge of said applicant; or, in case the Lodge is no longer in existence, on the surviving members of the commission in the matter of such applicant, and due proof of service of such notice be filed with the committee or other body acting on such application."

The Lodge not being in existence and no proof of service of the notice referred to having been filed, your committee is barred by the terms of Section 65 from taking any action thereon.

2. In the matter of the recommendation of Italia Lodge, No. 786, F. & A. M., for the restoration of LUCA FRANCIA, PILADE RIGALLI, and N. CONFORTI by the remission of the remainder of three years' sentence of suspension from all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

A petition for restoration in this case was made to the Grand Lodge at its Annual Session last year, and referred to the Committee on Grievances, who gave the matter most careful consideration, and after due and thorough deliberation expressed its belief that the sentence was in no way too severe, and recommended that the prayer of the petitioners be denied, and its recommendation was adopted by the Grand Lodge.

Beyond the recommendation above referred to, no new matter has in this case been brought to our attention, and your committee therefore is of the opinion that the action taken by the Grand Lodge at its last Annual Session should stand.

3. In the matter of the application of MORRIS MEYER for restoration to the rights and privileges of Masonry, he having been expelled by Henry Clay Lodge, No. 277, F. & A. M., for a violation of Section 119 of the Constitution; both Lodges interested in this matter have joined in a recommendation for his restoration, and all of the requirements of the Constitution having been complied with, your committee, after careful consideration of the matter, recommend the adoption of the following:

“Resolved, That MORRIS MEYER be and is hereby restored to the rights and privileges of Masonry.”

Fraternally submitted,

WILL L. LLOYD,
R. KENNETH BICKFORD, } *Committee.*
AARON MORRIS,

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION.

M.: W.: JOHN STEWART, from the Committee on Constitution, presented the report of said committee, which was received and its recommendations adopted.

To the Grand Lodge:

The Standing Committee on Constitution, to which was referred the proposed amendments to the Constitution, respectfully reports as follows:

First. The proposed amendment to Article 18, Section 121, presented by W.: BRO. BETTE, of Maimonides Lodge, No. 743, is doubtless aimed at the numerous specials held in the Metropolitan District and seeks to correct the same. The Grand Lodge Constitution already provides for the restriction in the Article mentioned above, and it is the opinion of your committee that it does not feel justified at this time in amending the Constitution as proposed. We would respectfully refer this matter to the Grand Master, who will, without doubt, take the necessary steps through his District Deputies to remedy the same. We, therefore, recommend the rejection of this amendment.

Second. A communication was received from BRO. M. H. MANDEVILLE, Secretary of Waverly Lodge, No. 407, which requested that the Constitution be so amended as to require a unanimous ballot on the granting of a waiver of jurisdiction. Your committee does not recommend such a change, believing that a majority vote is all that is necessary to safeguard the interests of the Fraternity. We therefore recommend its rejection.

Third. To this committee has been referred the amendment to Sections

5 and 32 of the Constitution, providing for an increased number of Grand Officers, which will make these sections read as follows :

SECTION 5. The following officers, namely : a District Deputy Grand Master for each Masonic District, six Grand Chaplains, Grand Marshal, Grand Standard Bearer, four Grand Sword Bearers, six Grand Stewards, six Grand Directors of Ceremonies, Senior Grand Deacon, Junior Grand Deacon, Grand Lecturer, Grand Librarian, Grand Historian, Grand Pursuivant, and Grand Tiler, shall be appointed by the Grand Master at the Annual Communication, or within thirty days after the close thereof, to hold office during his pleasure or until their successors are appointed.

SECTION 32. It shall be the duty of the Grand Marshal, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Sword Bearers, Grand Stewards, Grand Directors of Ceremonies, Grand Deacons, Grand Librarian, Grand Historian, Grand Pursuivant, and Grand Tiler to perform such duties as pertain to their offices.

In view of the fact that the number of the Craft in this jurisdiction has increased since the adoption of these Articles, it is the opinion of your committee that the best interests of all would be conserved by these proposed amendments. It therefore recommends their adoption.

Fourth. There have been several proposed amendments to Section 107 presented to the committee, and after due consideration it recommends that this section should be amended so as to read as follows :

"The jurisdiction of a Lodge over candidates for initiation extends over all persons residing nearer to it by an air line than to any other Lodge within this jurisdiction, except that if there be more than one Lodge in a village or city, those Lodges shall have equal jurisdiction, except that the jurisdiction of the Lodges of the present city of Troy shall remain as it was prior to the annexation of the village of Lansingburgh to the city of Troy, January 1, 1901."

Our large growth and increasing responsibilities demand from time to time certain changes in the Constitution to meet the requirements of the Craft, but such changes should be made only when absolutely necessary and after due deliberation. Your committee, therefore, would recommend that when any amendment has been adopted at a regular communication of the Grand Lodge all the Lodges in the jurisdiction receive copies of the changes and that the Lodges be requested to vote upon the proposed amendments within ninety days after submission, and notify the Grand Secretary of their acceptance or rejection. By this method the brethren of the subordinate Lodges would become familiar with the various amendments to the Constitution.

We further recommend an amendment to the Code of Procedure by the addition of a new section, as follows :

"**SECTION 67.** The penalty of suspension inflicted by a Grand Lodge Commission may be terminated at any time by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master."

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN STEWART,	} Committee.
DELMAR M. DARRIN,	
S. HERBERT WOLFE,	

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARITY.

R. W. THEODORE A. TAYLOR, from the Committee on Charity, presented the report of said committee, which was received and its recommendations adopted.

To the Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Charity recommends that the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200) be donated for the relief of a certain Past Grand Lodge Officer, payable quarterly by the Grand Treasurer; that the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) be donated for the relief of a certain Past Grand Lodge Officer, payable quarterly by the Grand Treasurer; and that the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200) be placed in the hands of R. W. CLAYTON S. SCOTT, Owego, N. Y., to relieve the necessities of the widow of a Past Master prior to 1849, who was a permanent member of the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

THEODORE A. TAYLOR,	} Committee.
CHARLES FRIEDENBERG,	
FREDERICK E. WEEKS,	

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

M. W. CLINTON F. PAIGE, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, presented the report of said committee, which was received and its recommendations adopted.

To the Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence would respectfully report that they have given due consideration to the various matters before them, and herein present their conclusions.

Upon the application of the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica for recognition, we find that this Grand Lodge has been regularly formed by the four Lodges located in that republic. It is independent of all other Masonic powers and is the supreme authority over Symbolic Masonry in the Republic of Costa Rica. We, therefore, cordially recommend that recognition be extended.

Upon the application of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia for recognition we find that all the proceedings incident to the formation of this Grand Lodge have been in strict conformity to the regulations prescribed by the United Grand Lodge of England relative to the formation of a Grand Lodge by Lodges under its Constitution.

All the Lodges in this colony under the English Constitution—thirty-four in number—united in this organization, with a single exception, and subsequently one Lodge under the Irish Constitution and one under the Scottish Constitution have joined the new Grand Lodge.

This Grand Lodge has been recognized by the Grand Lodges of England, New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania, and New Zealand.

The regularity of this Grand Lodge is completely established by the papers before us, and we should recommend its recognition but for the fact that there is also located in that Colony a Provincial Grand Lodge, composed of twenty-seven Lodges holding under the Scottish Constitution.

A close perusal of the papers and due consideration of essential facts developed, incline your committee to the conclusion that it will be but a brief period ere the Lodges under the Scottish Constitution will unite with the new Grand Lodge, and thereby constitute it the supreme Masonic authority in that Colony.

We therefore deem it wise to defer action at the present time, pending further proceedings.

Upon these and other matters we submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica be, and is, recognized as an independent and sovereign Grand Lodge, and that fraternal relations, through the appointment of Grand Representatives, be exchanged therewith.

Resolved, That action upon the application of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia for recognition be deferred.

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master be authorized to enter into fraternal relations with the Grand National Lodge of Freemasons of Germany and the Grand Lodge of Prussia, called "Royal York," by the interchange of representatives.

Resolved, Pending further proceedings by the Grand Lodge of Washington relative to the matter referred to by the M. W. Grand Master in his address, we recommend that full authority be given to him to take such action as may be deemed necessary in respect thereto.

Fraternally submitted,

CLINTON F. PAIGE,
JOSEPH J. COUCH,
JESSE B. ANTHONY,
WILLIAM A. BRODIE,
WILLIAM SHERER,
FREDERICK A. BURNHAM,
JOHN STEWART,
WILLIAM A. SUTHERLAND,
WRIGHT D. POWNALL,

} Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EXEMPLIFICATION OF THE WORK.

W.: GEORGE W. ROWLAND, from the Committee on Exemplification of the Work, presented the report of said committee, which was received and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

To the Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Exemplification of the Work would respectfully report that the work as exemplified by R.: W.: WM. H. WHITING, Grand Lecturer, conforms to the standard work of this Grand Lodge, and he is commended for the faithfulness with which he has adhered to the standard work.

The members of your committee have attended the conventions held in their respective districts under the personal supervision of the Grand Lecturer, and have noticed with great satisfaction his skilful and able manner of giving instructions and in arousing and maintaining the interest of all in attendance, and we highly compliment the R.: W.: Brother for his able rendition of the same.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE W. ROWLAND,
FRANK E. KRUEGER,
IRA M. CORNWALL,
CHESTER C. MUNROE,
JAMES J. JORDAN,
WILLIAM F. RUTHERFORD,
ROBERT GIBSON,
CLARENCE H. SANDFORD,
HERMANN WEBER,
LUCIEN NARBEL,
ARTHUR W. DEAS,
OTIS MONTROSE,
ALONZO WHEELER,
JOHN KILMER,
EMERSON FORD,
BIRTWELL A. TREGURTHA,
MYER C. JACOBS,
WALTER S. RICKARD,
WILLIAM D. FERRES,
LEONARD B. MCFARRAN,
CHARLES B. THOMPSON,

GEORGE H. MEYERS,
JOSEPH V. BAKER,
WILLIAM BROOKER,
FREDERICK M. HART,
ARTHUR D. THAYER,
RALPH W. THOMAS,
WILLIAM A. BENTLEY,
CHARLES E. FRYDENBORG,
ERNEST F. PENNEY,
JAMES E. RUDDICK,
JOSEPH GILBERT,
WALLACE J. HERRIMAN,
FRANK WOOLLARD,
CHARLES D. BUCHANAN,
HERBERT L. GETTY,
EDWARD C. CROOK,
GEORGE H. SWIFT,
CLAUDE F. TOWNSEND,
RICHARD PEART,
ALPHEUS B. CONGER,

Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS.

W.: GEORGE LAWYER, from the Committee on Charters, presented the report of said committee, which was received and its recommendations adopted.

To the Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Charters beg leave to recommend that charters be granted to the following Lodges, under dispensation; viz., James Ten Eyck, at Albany; Halcyon, at Millbrook; Adoniram, at Allegany; Lake Placid, at Lake Placid, and Highland, at Buffalo.

That new or duplicate charters be granted without fee to all Lodges where loss has been sustained by fire or other unavoidable accident.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE LAWYER, HARRY H. GOULD, PAUL R. JENNINGS, WALTER C. DEYO, MILTON W. DAVISON, CHARLES M. COLTON, CHARLES S. BUTLER, JAMES H. CURTIS,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
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The Grand Secretary read the following telegrams from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Florida in reply to an inquiry concerning the extent of the great conflagration in Jacksonville—

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., *May 6, 1901.*

EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Masonic Hall, New York:

Distress universal. Our necessity is urgent.

WILBER P. WEBSTER.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., *May 7, 1901.*

EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Masonic Hall, New York:

Appeal issued through Associated Press for Masonic relief is official. Our need is great.

WILBER P. WEBSTER,
Grand Secretary.

and moved that the Committee on Finance be instructed to recommend an appropriation of one thousand dollars for the relief of our Brethren of Jacksonville, which motion was unanimously adopted.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until this afternoon at two o'clock.

Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge resumed its session on Thursday afternoon, May 9, A.D. 1901; A.L. 5901, at two o'clock.

Present: M.: W.: CHARLES W. MEAD, Grand Master.

Officers and Representatives as before.

Prayer by R.: W.: WALLACE BUTTRICK, Grand Chaplain.

The minutes of this morning's session were read and approved.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION OF APPEALS.

R.: W.: S. NELSON SAWYER, Chief Commissioner, presented the report of the Commission of Appeals, which was received and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

To the Grand Lodge:

The Commissioners of Appeals are pleased to be able to report to the Grand Lodge that no matters have been brought before them for consideration.

It is a subject for congratulation that, notwithstanding the large and constantly increasing membership in this Grand Jurisdiction, peace and harmony so prevail that for the first time in many years the Grand Lodge is not called upon to adjust and settle unhappy differences among the brethren.

Faternally submitted,

S. NELSON SAWYER,

Chief Commissioner.

EDGAR C. EMERSON,
ISAAC FROMME,
JERRIE T. DURHAM,
OSCAR F. LANE,
JAMES W. HART,
TOWNSEND SCUDDER,

Commissioners.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WORK AND LECTURES.

R.: W.: AUGUST EICKELBERG, from the Committee on Work and Lectures, presented the report of said committee, which was received and its recommendations adopted.

To the Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Work and Lectures beg leave to make the following report:

First. That all the members of said committee being present, invited R. W. WM. H. WHITING, our Grand Lecturer, to exemplify before us, as well as before many invited well-known brethren of the Craft, the standard work. All listened with marked attention to his very faithful rendition of the ritual as it now stands. After all three degrees had been carefully considered, the (what might be called) school of exemplification adjourned, and the committee went into executive session.

It is the opinion of your committee that changes have crept into the work, and they thoroughly agree with the resolution from the Seventeenth Masonic District to the effect that it is most *unwise* to have changes occur year after year, however such changes may come about. Your committee therefore offer the following suggestions: first, that the Grand Lecturer be requested to return, in his teaching, to the manner of wearing the apron in the second degree, taught by his predecessors; and, second, that in the first lecture of the first degree the singular instead of the plural "Saints John" be restored.

We are further of the opinion that the present system of the Committee on Work and Lectures, whose duties under the present mode begin with their appointment, and end with the adjournment of Grand Lodge, is inadequate for the performance of so important a task as that of caring for our ritual. We therefore offer the following resolution; viz., that a Special Committee on Work and Lectures, consisting of five well informed brethren, be appointed by the Grand Master. It shall be the duty of said committee to carefully consider the work with the Grand Lecturer during the year and report at the next session of the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM L. SWAN,
THOMAS SHARLOW,
AUGUST EICKELBERG,
RALPH H. ROBERTSON,
GEORGE B. PARKER,
ANSON R. THOMPSON,
GEORGE W. DECKER,
HENRY BERAU, JR.,
EDWARD M. MURTFELDT,

} Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

M. W. JAMES TEN EYCK, from the Committee on Finance, presented the following report, which was received and its recommendations adopted:

To the Grand Lodge:

The Committee on Finance submits the following report, and recommends that appropriations be made from the funds of the Grand Lodge as follows, to wit:

Three hundred dollars (\$300) for clerk hire for the Grand Treasurer.

Four hundred dollars (\$400) to continue the membership of this Grand Lodge in the General Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada.

Sixty-five dollars (\$65) for the music furnished at this Annual Communication.

Twenty-five dollars (\$25) for decorations at this Annual Communication.

One hundred and sixty dollars (\$160) for premiums upon the surety bonds furnished by the Grand Treasurer.

Four hundred dollars (\$400) for use of the Committee on Antiquities. Nineteen dollars and seventeen cents (\$19.17) to Irondequoit Lodge, No. 301, for money erroneously paid.

One hundred and twenty-six dollars and twenty-seven cents (\$126.27) expenses of the Standing Committee on Hall and Asylum Fund.

The committee further recommends that the Committee on Antiquities be authorized to dispose of certain articles mentioned in its report which are unsuitable for the purpose of the Library, in such manner as may to it seem proper; and the committee further recommends that the preamble and resolution of Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 27, suggesting the celebration of the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of the existence of this Grand Lodge be referred to the Finance Committee of 1905.

The committee further recommends that the Trustees of the Permanent Fund be, and hereby are, directed to place in the hands of the Grand Master, at his demand, such sums of money as are by him required for the relief of brethren in sister Grand Lodge jurisdictions in times of calamity and disaster.

The committee further recommends that there be appropriated the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to be sent to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Florida for the relief of our brethren in the distress caused by the recent disastrous conflagration at Jacksonville.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES TEN EYCK,	} Committee.
SAMUEL CROOK,	
WILLIAM S. HACKETT,	

The Grand Officers were installed in their several stations by M.: W.: JESSE B. ANTHONY, Past Grand Master, assisted by R.: W.: JAMES A. BECKETT, Grand Marshal, and prayer by R.: W.: JOHN LAUBENHEIMER, Grand Chaplain.

R.: W.: ELBERT CRANDALL, Deputy Grand Master, in the Chair.

On motion R.: W.: DOW BEEKMAN was elected a Trustee of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund, by acclamation, for a term of three years, in accordance with the nomination of M.: W.: CHARLES W. MEAD.

M. W. CHARLES W. MEAD, Grand Master, nominated for Chief Commissioner of Appeals R. W. TOWNSEND SCUDDER in place of R. W. S. NELSON SAWYER; and for Commissioners of Appeals, R. W. JERRIE T. DURHAM in place of R. W. JAMES G. JANEWAY; R. W. PHILIP KECK in place of R. W. TOWNSEND SCUDDER, and W. CHARLES O. GRIM in place of R. W. JAMES W. HART, which nominations were confirmed by Grand Lodge.

A magnificent floral piece was presented to M. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary, by R. W. ELBERT CRANDALL, Deputy Grand Master, as the gift of the representatives of Lodges in the Metropolitan District, to emphasize his twenty years' service in the office of Grand Secretary, which was accepted by the Grand Secretary in feeling language.

The Grand Master resumed the Chair.

These minutes were read and approved, and the One Hundred and Twentieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York was closed in ample form, with prayer by R. W. WALLACE BUTTRICK, Grand Chaplain.



Grand Secretary.



PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

Amend Article I., Section 5, to read as follows :

SEC. 5. The following officers, namely : A District Deputy Grand Master for each Masonic District, six Grand Chaplains, Grand Marshal, Grand Standard Bearer, four Grand Sword Bearers, six Grand Stewards, six Grand Directors of Ceremonies, Senior Grand Deacon, Junior Grand Deacon, Grand Lecturer, Grand Librarian, Grand Historian, Grand Pursuivant, and Grand Tiler, shall be appointed by the Grand Master at the Annual Communication, or within thirty days after the close thereof, to hold office during his pleasure, or until their successors are appointed.

Amend Article IV., Section 32, to read as follows :

SEC. 32. It shall be the duty of the Grand Marshal, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Sword Bearers, Grand Stewards, Grand Directors of Ceremonies, Grand Deacons, Grand Librarian, Grand Historian, Grand Pursuivant, and Grand Tiler to perform such duties as pertain to their offices.

Amend Article XVII., Section 107, to read as follows :

SEC. 107. The jurisdiction of a Lodge over candidates for initiation extends over all persons residing nearer to it by an air line than to any other Lodge within this jurisdiction, except that if there be more than one Lodge in a village or city, those Lodges shall have equal jurisdiction, except that the jurisdiction of the Lodges of the present city of Troy shall remain as it was prior to the annexation of the village of Lansingburgh to the city of Troy, January 1, 1901.

APPENDIX.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE GRAND MASTER, 1901-1902.

R. W. GEORGE R. VAN DE WATER	Grand Chaplains..	New York.
R. W. WALLACE BUTTRICK.....		Albany.
R. W. PIERRE CUSHING		Le Roy.
R. W. JOHN J. REED.....		New York.
R. W. WILLIAM S. CARTER		Waterloo.
R. W. DUNCAN CAMERON		N. Tonawanda
R. W. CHARLES SMITH.....	Grand Marshal	Oneonta.
R. W. OSWALD P. BACKUS.....	Grand Standard Bearer.	Rome.
R. W. HERBERT E. BUGDEN	Grand Sword Bearers	Albany.
R. W. WILLIAM A. JUDD		CliftonSpr'gs.
R. W. LEWIS A. McMILLAN.....		Brooklyn.
R. W. HENRY SCHAEFER.....		Buffalo.
R. W. AARON MORRIS.	Grand Stewards...	New York.
R. W. THOMAS C. MUNROE.....		Sidney.
R. W. GEORGE E. BRIGGS.....		Peekskill.
R. W. EDWIN D. TUTHILL.....		Greenport.
R. W. ANSON R. THOMPSON....		Troy.
R. W. HENRY TRUBERG		New York.
R. W. MARTIN B. COHN	Grand Directors of Ceremonies	New York.
R. W. WILLIAM H. PRANGEN....		Hornellsville.
R. W. CHARLES H. AVERY.....		Buffalo.
R. W. GUSTAVE H. BERWIN.....		Brooklyn.
R. W. HERBERT E. COON		Binghamton.
R. W. CHARLES H. HALSTEAD...		Newburg.
R. W. JOHN R. GARDNER	Senior Grand Deacon.	New York.
R. W. FREEMAN C. POND	Junior Grand Deacon.	Crown Point.
R. W. JOHN LAUBENHEIMER (Past Grand Chaplain),	Grand Lecturer	E. Greenbush.
R. W. ALEXANDER A. CLARK.....	Grand Librarian.....	New York.
R. W. PETER ROSS	Grand Historian	New York.
W. GEORGE M. BERRY.....	Grand Pursuivant.....	New York.
W. ANDREW FERGUSON.....	Grand Tiler.....	New York.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

1. Suffolk, Queens, and Nassau
Counties..... R. W. FRANK E. HAFF...*Long Island City.*
2. Lodges in Borough of Brook-
lyn, New York City, as here-
tofore numerically arranged.. R. W. HENRY KAHLERT.*Brooklyn.*
3. Lodges in Borough of Brook-
lyn, New York City, as here-
tofore numerically arranged.. R. W. MOSES S. SILVEIRA.....*Brooklyn.*
4. Lodges in Boroughs of Manhat-
tan and Bronx, New York City,
No. 1 to No. 156, inclusive ... R. W. THOMAS SHARLOW.*New York.*
5. Lodges in Boroughs of Manhat-
tan and Bronx, New York City,
No. 178 to No. 271, inclusive.. R. W. WILLIAM KLINGENSTEIN..*New York.*
6. Lodges in Boroughs of Manhat-
tan and Bronx, New York City,
No. 272 to No. 454, inclusive.. R. W. CHARLES H. HOWARD....*New York.*
7. Lodges in Boroughs of Manhat-
tan and Bronx, New York City,
No. 457 to No. 641, inclusive.. R. W. FREDERICK T. SLACK.....*New York.*
8. Lodges in Boroughs of Manhat-
tan and Bronx, New York City,
No. 642 to No. 819, inclusive.. R. W. HENRY LIPPMANN*New York.*
9. Lodges working in German in
the City of New York R. W. FRANK H. ZITZ..... *New York.*
10. Lodges working in French,
Spanish, or Italian in the
City of New York..... R. W. WILLIAM L. MATHOT*New York.*
11. Lodges in Borough of Rich-
mond, New York City..... R. W. CHARLES KAPPES.....*Stapleton.*
12. Westchester and Putnam
Counties..... R. W. CHARLES M. BAXTER..*Mamaroneck.*
13. Rockland and Orange Counties.. R. W. JOHN SALISBURY.....*Nyack.*
14. Dutchess and Columbia Counties.. R. W. DERRICK BROWN.....*Poughkeepsie.*
15. Ulster and Greene Counties.... R. W. EMERSON FORD.....*Oak Hill.*

16. Sullivan and Delaware Counties. R. W. WILLIAM B. VOORHEES... *Rockland*.
17. Albany, Rensselaer, and Schenectady Counties..... R. W. JAMES T. HANRAHAN..... *Albany*.
18. Schoharie and Otsego Counties. R. W. FRED. L. COGGESHALL..... *Otsego*.
19. Herkimer, Montgomery, and Fulton Counties..... R. W. ROBERT N. CLARK..... *Amsterdam*.
20. Washington County..... R. W. JAMES M. POTTER..... *Granville*.
21. Saratoga and Warren Counties.. R. W. WM. H. KIRKPATRICK. *Mechanicville*.
22. Essex and Clinton Counties.... R. W. SAMUEL L. WHEELER... *Plattsburgh*.
23. St. Lawrence County..... R. W. OLIVER H. FARNSWORTH... *Canton*.
24. Jefferson and Lewis Counties... R. W. GILBERT R. EASTON..... *Lowville*.
25. Oswego County..... R. W. CHARLES H. TREADWELL... *Oswego*.
26. Onondaga County..... R. W. EDWIN HUGHES..... *Trenton*.
27. Onondaga, Madison, and Cortland Counties..... R. W. STRATTON S. KNOX..... *Cortland*.
28. Chenango and Broome Counties. R. W. JOHN H. SMITH..... *Norwich*.
29. Tioga, Chemung, and Schuyler Counties..... R. W. CLARENCE L. ELLIS... *Montour Falls*.
30. Tompkins and Cayuga Counties. R. W. WILLIAM FITTS..... *Moravia*.
31. Seneca, Yates, and Ontario Counties..... R. W. GEORGE S. STUBBS..... *Geneva*.
32. Wayne County..... R. W. JOSEPH GILBERT..... *Newark*.
33. Monroe and Livingston Counties. R. W. FREDERICK R. SMITH..... *Rochester*.
34. Steuben County..... R. W. SAMUEL ERLICH..... *Hornellsville*.
35. Allegany County..... R. W. FRANK R. UTTER..... *Friendship*.
36. Wyoming and Genesee Counties..... R. W. JOSEPH R. STEWART..... *Pike*.
37. Orleans and Niagara Counties.. R. W. DOW VROMAN.... *North Tonawanda*.
38. Erie County..... R. W. GEORGE C. FOX..... *Buffalo*.
39. Cattaraugus County..... R. W. SHEP. L. VIBBARD..... *Limestone*.
40. Chautauqua County..... R. W. WILLIAM H. THOMPSON... *Westfield*.
41. Franklin County..... R. W. JOHN M. CANTWELL..... *Malone*.

COMMITTEES.

HALL AND ASYLUM FUND.

- BRO. FREDERIC C. WAGNER, New York.
R. W. CLAYTON S. SCOTT, Owego.
R. W. JOHN C. THOMPSON, Buffalo.
R. W. JOHN WEBB, JR., Gouverneur.
R. W. JAMES K. STOCKWELL, Owego.
R. W. EDWIN BUCHMAN, Valley Falls.
R. W. EDWARD P. NEWCOMB, Whitehall.
BRO. MAURICE UNTERMYER, New York.
BRO. WILLIAM T. JENKINS, Tompkinsville.
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ANTIQUITIES.

- R. W. WILLIAM H. ANDREWS,
W. ARTHUR W. HILLEBRAND,
W. JACOB LOEWER,
W. LEROY B. SHERMAN,
W. CHARLES B. WILKINSON,
W. WILLIAM R. RELYEA,
R. W. ALEXANDER A. CLARK, *ex-officio*.
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FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

- M. W. JESSE B. ANTHONY,
R. W. WILLIAM J. DUNCAN,
W. EMIL FRENKEL.
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ACCOUNTS.

- R. W. WILLIAM JOHNSTON,
W. J. HOWARD WAINWRIGHT,
W. JAMES A. KELLEY.

LIST OF GRAND LODGES,
WITH NAME AND RESIDENCE OF THE
GRAND SECRETARY.

Name.	Grand Secretary.	Residence.
Alabama.....	George A. Beauchamp....	Montgomery.
Arizona	George J. Roskrugs.....	Tucson.
Arkansas	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock.
California.....	George Johnson.....	San Francisco.
Colorado.....	.....	Denver.
Connecticut	John H. Barlow.....	Hartford.
Delaware	Benjamin F. Bartram.....	Wilmington.
District of Columbia.....	William A. Gatley.....	Washington.
Florida.....	Wilber P. Webster.....	Jacksonville.
Georgia.....	William A. Wolihin.....	Macon.
Idaho	Theophilus W. Randall...	Boise.
Illinois	Joseph H. C. Dill.....	Bloomington.
Indiana.....	Calvin W. Prather.....	Anderson.
Indian Territory	Joseph S. Murrow.....	Atoka.
Iowa.....	Theodore S. Parvin.....	Cedar Rapids.
Kansas.....	Albert K. Wilson.....	Topeka.
Kentucky.....	Henry B. Grant.....	Louisville.
Louisiana.....	Richard Lambert.....	New Orleans.
Maine	Stephen Berry.....	Portland.
Maryland.....	Jacob H. Medairy.....	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Sereno D. Nickerson.....	Boston.
Michigan.....	Jefferson S. Conover.....	Coldwater.
Minnesota	Thomas Montgomery.....	St. Paul.
Mississippi.....	John L. Power.....	Jackson.
Missouri.....	John D. Vincell.....	St. Louis.
Montana.....	Cornelius Hedges.....	Helena.
Nebraska	Francis E. White	Omaha.
Nevada	Chauncey N. Noteware...	Carson.
New Hampshire.....	Frank D. Woodbury.....	Concord.
New Jersey.....	Thomas H. R. Redway.....	Trenton.
New Mexico.....	Alpheus A. Keen.....	Albuquerque.
New York	Edward M. L. Ehlers.....	New York.
North Carolina.....	John C. Drewry.....	Raleigh.
North Dakota.....	Frank J. Thompson.....	Fargo.
Ohio.....	Jacob H. Bromwell.....	Cincinnati.
Oklahoma Territory.....	James S. Hunt.....	Stillwater.
Oregon	James F. Robinson.....	Eugene.
Pennsylvania	William A. Sinn.....	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island .....	.....	Providence.
South Carolina.....	Charles Inglesby	Charleston.

Name.	Grand Secretary.	Residence.
South Dakota.....	George A. Pettigrew.....	Flandreau.
Tennessee	John B. Garrett	Nashville.
Texas.....	John Watson.....	Houston.
Utah.....	Christopher Diehl.....	Salt Lake City.
Vermont.....	Warren G. Reynolds.....	Burlington.
Virginia	George W. Carrington.....	Richmond.
Washington.....	Thomas M. Reed.....	Olympia.
West Virginia.....	George W. Atkinson.....	Wheeling.
Wisconsin	William W. Perry.....	Milwaukee.
Wyoming	William L. Kuykendall ..	Saratoga.
Belgium.....	Charles Marchal.....	Brussels.
British Columbia.....	William J. Quinlan.....	Nelson.
Canada.....	John J. Mason	Hamilton, Ont.
Costa Rica.....	Edmund W. Osborne.....	San José.
Cuba.....	Aurelio Miranda.....	Havana.
Denmark	Rasmus O. Nielsen.....	Copenhagen.
Eclectic Union.....	Philipp Hertz.....	Frank't-on-Main.
England.....	Edward Letchworth.....	London.
Germany.....	W. Rabe	Berlin.
Hungary.....	Ignacz Fekete.....	Budapest.
Ireland.....	Henry E. Flavelle, D. G. S.	Dublin.
Manitoba.....	James A. Ovas	Winnipeg.
Mexico.....	Felix Iglesias.....	Mexico.
New Brunswick.....	J. Twining Hartt	St. John.
New South Wales.....	Arthur H. Bray	Sydney.
New Zealand.....	Malcolm Niccol.....	Auckland.
Norway.....	Theodor Hansen.....	Christiania.
Nova Scotia.....	Thomas Mowbray.....	Halifax.
Peru.....	J. Benjamin Choza.....	Lima.
Porto Rico.....	Federico Yumet.....	San Juan.
Prince Edward Island.....	Neil MacKelvie	Summerside.
Quebec.....	John H. Isaacson.....	Montreal.
Royal York	G. Mitzlaff	Berlin.
Saxony.....	Emil Knoll.....	Dresden.
Scotland.....	David Reid.....	Edinburgh.
South Australia.....	James H. Cunningham.....	Adelaide.
Sweden.....	S. H. B. Svensson	Stockholm.
Switzerland.....	Paul Ele Boujour.....	Neuchatel.
Tasmania.....	John Hamilton.....	Hobart.
Three Globes.....	Johannes Schumann.....	Berlin.
Victoria	John Braim.....	Melbourne.
Zur Eintracht.....	Carl Nies.....	Worms.
Zur Sonne	George H. Fischer.....	Bayreuth.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK
NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES,
IN THE ORDER OF THEIR APPOINTMENT.

Grand Lodge.	Name.	Location.
New Jersey.....	WILLIAM S. WHITEHEAD.....	Newark.
Michigan.....	JOHN W. CHAMPLIN.....	Grand Rapids.
Louisiana.....	SAMUEL MANNING TODD.....	New Orleans.
Wisconsin.....	MELVIN L. YOUNGS.....	Milwaukee.
Montana.....	JAMES R. WESTON.....	Townsend.
Utah.....	JOHN S. SCOTT.....	Salt Lake City.
Rhode Island.....	HENRY W. RUGG.....	Providence.
Virginia.....	BEVERLY R. WELLFORD, JR.....	Richmond.
South Carolina.....	CHARLES INGLESBY.....	Charleston.
Quebec.....	MELBOURNE M. TAIT.....	Montreal.
Cuba.....	JUAN B. HERNANDEZ.....	Havana.
Mississippi.....	P. M. SAVERY.....	Tupelo.
Manitoba.....	JOHN W. HARRIS.....	Winnipeg.
Idaho.....	CHARLES HIMROD.....	Boise.
South Dakota.....	CHARLES T. MCCOY.....	Aberdeen.
Arizona.....	MORRIS GOLDWATER.....	Prescott.
Missouri.....	NOAH M. GIVAN.....	Harrisonville.
Prince Edward Island.....	JOHN G. J. WELDON.....	Charlottetown.
West Virginia.....	FORREST W. BROWN.....	Charlestown.
Maine.....	MARQUIS F. KING.....	Portland.
Arkansas.....	BENJAMIN F. ATKINSON.....	Fort Smith.
Connecticut.....	JOHN G. ROOT.....	Hartford.
Vermont.....	FRANK PLUMLEY.....	Northfield.
Illinois.....	WALTER A. STEVENS.....	Chicago.
New Mexico.....	WILLIAM M. BERGER.....	Santa Fé.
Nebraska.....	EDWARD K. VALENTINE.....	West Point.
Scotland.....	CHARLES BAXTER.....	Edinburgh.
Denmark.....	JENS PETER AASTRUP.....	Copenhagen.
North Dakota.....	SYLVESTER J. HILL.....	Fargo.
Minnesota.....	JACOB A. KESTER.....	Blue Earth City.
New Hampshire.....	JOHN PENDER.....	Portsmouth.
Ireland.....	LORD MUSKERRY.....	Drumcollogher.
Tasmania.....	ROBERT JAMES SADLER.....	Hobart.
California.....	WM. LARKIN WOODROW.....	San José.
Delaware.....	WM. STEWART ALLMOND.....	Wilmington.
Hungary.....	DONAT ZIFFERER.....	Vienna.
Eclectic Union.....	ALEXANDER MARC.....	Wiesbaden.
Victoria.....	ISAAC A. ISAAC.....	Melbourne.

Grand Lodge.	Name.	Location.
South Australia	JAMES H. CUNNINGHAM.....	Adelaide.
Three Globes.....	KARL VON ROESE.....	Berlin.
Saxony.....	OTTO HARLAN.....	Dresden.
British Columbia.....	W. A. DEWOLF SMITH.....	New Westminster.
Florida.....	ELMER E. HASKELL.....	Palatka.
Canada.....	HUGH MURRAY.....	Hamilton.
England	JOHN WIMBURN LAURIE	London.
New Brunswick.....	HENRY GRAHAM	Saint Stephen.
Nova Scotia.....	WILLIAM F. MACCOY.....	Halifax.
District of Columbia.....	HENRY S. MERRILL.....	Washington.
Zur Eintracht	HERMANN GEYGER	Bingerbrück.
North Carolina.....	NEEDHAM B. BROUGHTON	Raleigh.
Colorado.....	FRANK G. MIRICK	Golden.
Ohio.....	IKE M. ROBINSON.....	Chandlersville.
New South Wales.....	JOHN B. TREVITT.....	Sydney.
Indian Territory.....	JOSEPH S. MURROW.....	Atoka.
Sweden.....	AUG. FRED. H. KLINTBERG.....	Stockholm.
Indiana.....	WILLIAM E. ENGLISH.....	Indianapolis.
Switzerland	ARNOLD SCHWYZER.....	Zürich.
Kansas.....	MAURICE L. STONE.....	Wamego.
New Zealand.....	HENRY THOMSON	Christchurch.
Belgium.....	ALBERT J. KRÜGER.....	Antwerp.
Maryland	ALFRED E. BOOTH.....	Baltimore.
Tennessee.....	ARCHIBALD N. SLOAN.....	Chattanooga.
Alabama	GEORGE P. HARRISON	Opelika.
Mexico.....	FREDERICK E. YOUNG.....	Mexico.
Norway	ANTON LUDVIG THUNE-LARSEN...	Christiania.
Nevada	REUBEN BATTELS.....	Winnemucca.
Porto Rico.....	JOSÉ ENRIQUE DENTON.....	San Juan.
Georgia	ROBERT L. COLDING.....	Savannah.
Oregon.....	HENRY B. THIELSEN.....	Salem.
Texas.....	ZANE CETTI.....	Fort Worth.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND LODGES NEAR THE
GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK,
IN THE ORDER OF THEIR ACCREDIT.

Name.	Location.	Grand Lodge.
GEORGE VAN VLIET.....	New York.....	Montana.
ROBERT BONYNGE.....	New York.....	Nevada.
JOSEPH SHORT, JR.....	Brooklyn.....	Indiana.
RALPH E. PRIME.....	Yonkers.....	Oregon.
RICHARD GURNEY.....	Brooklyn.....	Vermont.
ANTONIO GONZALEZ.....	Brooklyn.....	Cuba.
JOHN C. GRAVES.....	Buffalo.....	Florida.
JOHN H. CUNNINGHAM.....	Utica.....	District of Columbia.
HERMAN CANTOR.....	New York.....	Zur Eintracht.
WILLIAM H. KENNEDY.....	Brooklyn.....	North Carolina.
JOHN G. BOGERT.....	New York.....	Virginia.
OSCAR L. EASTMAN.....	Kingston.....	North Dakota.
EDWARD M. L. EHLERS.....	New York.....	Denmark.
JOHN S. DENTON.....	Jamalca.....	Minnesota.
THOMAS C. CASSIDY.....	New York.....	Nebraska.
WILLIAM JOHNSTON.....	New York.....	Tasmania.
ROBERT ROBERTS.....	New York.....	Manitoba.
WILLIAM D. CRITCHERSON.....	New York.....	Illinois.
B. FRANK PALMER.....	Larchmont.....	Arizona.
MORRIS D. MOXLEY.....	Brooklyn.....	Colorado.
MARVIN I. GREENWOOD.....	Newark.....	West Virginia.
JOHN B. ALLIGER.....	Rondout.....	Kansas.
VALENTINE SCHNEIDER.....	New York.....	Victoria.
GEORGE W. ARNOLD.....	New York.....	Quebec.
JAMES SMILEY.....	New York.....	New Mexico.
JOHN W. ALLISON.....	New York.....	Georgia.
CARL MOEBIUS.....	New York.....	Saxony.
JOSEPH A. LACKEY.....	New York.....	Mississippi.
EDWIN KNOWLES.....	Brooklyn.....	Rhode Island.
ALBERT JANICKE.....	New York.....	Three Globes.
DAVID M. DRURY.....	Brooklyn.....	Wisconsin.
JOSEPH J. LITTLE.....	New York.....	England.
IVAN T. BURNET.....	Little Falls.....	Ohio.
JOHN H. THOMPSON.....	New York.....	Utah.
ALEXANDER G. CALDER.....	Brooklyn.....	Prince Edward Island.
CHARLES F. LAUGHTON.....	Brooklyn.....	Norway.
JAMES M. DE GARMO.....	Fishkill-on-Hudson.....	Mexico.
JOHN T. PALMER.....	Brooklyn.....	New Brunswick.
THOMAS E. STEWART.....	New York.....	New Hampshire.

Name.	Location.	Grand Lodge.
JAMES H. LLOYD.....	Troy	Idaho.
CHARLES H. HEYZER.....	New York.....	New South Wales.
ALFRED B. PRICE.....	New York.....	Indian Territory.
GEORGE W. ANDERSON	New York.....	Texas.
ANDREW PATTERSON	New York.....	Scotland.
HIRAM L. HUTCHENS.....	Canandaigua	Sweden.
JOHN T. SMITH.....	New York.....	Delaware.
PETER ROSS.....	New York.....	Maryland.
JOSEPH MORRIS WARD	New York.....	New Jersey.
WILLIAM A. SWAN	New York.....	South Australia.
JAMES H. KENNEDY.....	New York.....	South Carolina.
PHILIP KECK	Johnstown	South Dakota.
WILLIAM N. PENNEY	New York.....	Ireland.
SOUTHRICK HEBBERD.....	New York.....	Missouri.
FREDERICK HEEG.....	Brooklyn	Arkansas.
GEORGE W. MILLAR.....	New York.....	New Zealand.
LEOPOLD LOEWY..	New York.....	Hungary.
FREDERICK B. HOUSE.....	New York.....	Connecticut.
GEORGE P. WILLIAMS.....	New York.....	California.
TIMOTHY M. CHEESMAN.....	New York.....	Belgium.
JOHN WEBB, JR.	Gouverneur.....	Nova Scotia.
S. NELSON SAWYER.....	Palmyra.....	Tennessee.
GEORGE W. MILLENER.....	Tonawanda.....	Canada.
PHILIP M. NAST, JR.....	Hornellsville	Porto Rico.
JOHN McMILLAN	New York.....	Alabama.
FERDINAND GOEBEL	New York.....	Eclectic Union.
JOEL H. PRESCOTT.....	Buffalo.....	Michigan.
GEORGE A. BENTON	Rochester.....	Maine.
GEORGE W. BOSKOWITZ.....	New York.....	Switzerland.
THOMAS MARCHANT.....	Brooklyn.....	Louisiana.
GEORGE H. TOOP.....	New York.....	British Columbia.
CELESTINO LOPEZ.....	Brooklyn.....	Peru.

FIRST SIX OFFICERS OF GRAND LODGE FROM DATE OF ORGANIZATION.

Year.	Grand Master.	Dep. Grand Master.	Sen. Grand Warden.	Jun. Grand Warden.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Secretary.
1781	William Walter	James McCuen	J. Stadholme Brownrigg	John Beardsley	Joshua Watson	William Cook
1782	William Walter	James McCuen	J. Stadholme Brownrigg	John Beardsley	Joshua Watson	William Cook
1783	William Cook	Archibald Cunningham	Patrick McDavitt	*William Cook	Samuel Kerr	James Clark
1784	*William Cook	Samuel Kerr	*Patrick McDavitt	James Saldier	Daniel McCormick	Jno. Lawrence & Jas. Gilles
1785	Robert R. Livingston	Samuel Kerr	Peter W. Yates	James Saldier	Daniel McCormick	Jno. Lawrence & Jas. Gilles
1786	Robert R. Livingston	Samuel Kerr	Peter W. Yates	Peter McDougall	John Shaw	James Scott
1787	Robert R. Livingston	Richard Harrison	Peter W. Yates	Peter McDougall	William Maxwell	James Scott
1788	Robert R. Livingston	Richard Harrison	Peter W. Yates	John Meyer	White Matlack	Jacob Morton
1789	Robert R. Livingston	William Malcolm	Peter McDougall	John Meyer	John Pinard	Jacob Morton
1790	Robert R. Livingston	William Malcolm	Peter McDougall	John Pinard	Francis Childs	Jacob Morton
1791	Robert R. Livingston	Peter McDougall	John Meyer	James Scott	William Wright	John Abrams
1792	Robert R. Livingston	Peter McDougall	Jacob Morton	James Scott	William Wright	John Abrams
1793	Robert R. Livingston	Peter McDougall	Jacob Morton	James Scott	William Wright	John Abrams
1794	Robert R. Livingston	Peter McDougall	Jacob Morton	James Scott	William Wright	John Abrams
1795	Robert R. Livingston	Jacob Morton	James Scott	De Witt Clinton	Martin Hoffman	John Abrams
1796	Robert R. Livingston	Jacob Morton	James Scott	De Witt Clinton	Martin Hoffman	John Abrams
1797	Robert R. Livingston	Jacob Morton	James Scott	De Witt Clinton	John Jacob Astor	John Abrams
1798	Robert R. Livingston	Jacob Morton	James Scott	De Witt Clinton	John Jacob Astor	John Abrams
1799	Robert R. Livingston	Jacob Morton	James Scott	De Witt Clinton	John Jacob Astor	John Abrams
1800	Robert R. Livingston	Jacob Morton	James Scott	De Witt Clinton	John Jacob Astor	John Abrams
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1813	Robert R. Livingston	Jacob Morton	James Scott	De Witt Clinton	John Jacob Astor	John Abrams
1814	Robert R. Livingston	Jacob Morton	James Scott	De Witt Clinton	John Jacob Astor	John Abrams
1815	Robert R. Livingston	Jacob Morton	James Scott	De Witt Clinton	John Jacob Astor	John Abrams

* Resigned.

† Advanced.

Year	Grand Master.	Dep. Grand Master.	Sen. Grand Warden.	Jun. Grand Warden.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Secretary.
1816	De Witt Clinton	Martin Hoffman	Cadwallader D. Colden.	Elisha Gilbert, Jr.	Cornelius Bogert.	John Wells.
1817	De Witt Clinton	Martin Hoffman	Cadwallader D. Colden.	Elisha Gilbert, Jr.	Cornelius Bogert.	Elias Hicks.
1818	De Witt Clinton	Martin Hoffman	Cadwallader D. Colden.	Elisha Gilbert, Jr.	Cornelius Bogert.	Elias Hicks.
1819	De Witt Clinton	Martin Hoffman	Cadwallader D. Colden.	Elisha Gilbert, Jr.	Cornelius Bogert.	Elias Hicks.
1820	Daniel D. Tompkins.	John W. Mulligan	William Irving	Elisha Gilbert, Jr.	Cornelius Bogert.	Elias Hicks.
1821	Daniel D. Tompkins.	John Brush	John Greig	Richard Hatfield.	Cornelius Bogert.	Elias Hicks.
1822	Joseph Enos.	John Brush	John Greig	Richard Hatfield.	Cornelius Bogert.	Elias Hicks.
1823	Joseph Enos.	John Brush	Nathaniel Allen	Thomas Barker	Welcome Esleick	Charles G. Halnes.
1824	Joseph Enos.	John Brush	Nathaniel Allen	Thomas Barker	Welcome Esleick	John W. Oakley.
1825	Stephen Van Rensselaer	John Brush	Ezra S. Cozier	Elia T. Foote	Welcome Esleick	Ebenezer Wadsworth.
1826	Stephen Van Rensselaer	John Brush	Ezra S. Cozier	Elia T. Foote	Welcome Esleick	Ebenezer Wadsworth.
1827	Stephen Van Rensselaer	Richard Hatfield.	Ezra S. Cozier	Welcome Esleick	George W. Hyer	Oliver M. Lownd.
1828	Stephen Van Rensselaer	Henry J. Peltus.	Ezra S. Cozier	Welcome Esleick	James Van Benschoten.	James Herring.
1829	Stephen Van Rensselaer	Mordecai Myers	Ezra S. Cozier	Welcome Esleick	James Van Benschoten.	James Herring.
1830	Morgan Lewis	Mordecai Myers	Ezra S. Cozier	Welcome Esleick	James Van Benschoten.	James Herring.
1831	Morgan Lewis	Mordecai Myers	Ezra S. Cozier	Welcome Esleick	James Van Benschoten.	James Herring.
1832	Morgan Lewis	Mordecai Myers	Ezra S. Cozier	Welcome Esleick	James Van Benschoten.	James Herring.
1833	Morgan Lewis	Mordecai Myers	Ezra S. Cozier	Welcome Esleick	James Van Benschoten.	James Herring.
1834	Morgan Lewis	Mordecai Myers	Ezra S. Cozier	Welcome Esleick	James Van Benschoten.	James Herring.
1835	Morgan Lewis	James Van Benschoten.	John Van Buren	Joseph Cuyler	James Van Benschoten.	James Herring.
1836	Morgan Lewis	James Van Benschoten.	John Van Buren	Joseph Cuyler	James Van Benschoten.	James Herring.
1837	Morgan Lewis	James Van Benschoten.	John Van Buren	Joseph Cuyler	James Van Benschoten.	James Herring.
1838	Morgan Lewis	James Van Benschoten.	John Van Buren	Joseph Cuyler	James Van Benschoten.	James Herring.
1839	Morgan Lewis	William Willis.	Joseph Cuyler	John D. Willard	Richard Ellis	James Herring.
1840	Morgan Lewis	William Willis.	Joseph Cuyler	John D. Willard	Richard Ellis	James Herring.
1841	Morgan Lewis	William Willis.	Joseph Cuyler	John D. Willard	Richard Ellis	James Herring.
1842	Morgan Lewis	William Willis.	Joseph Cuyler	John D. Willard	Richard Ellis	James Herring.
1843	Morgan Lewis	William Willis.	Joseph Cuyler	John D. Willard	Richard Ellis	James Herring.
1844	Alexander H. Robertson	Alexander H. Robertson	John D. Willard	Richard Carrique	Richard Ellis	James Herring.
1845	Alexander H. Robertson	John D. Willard	Richard Carrique	Ezra S. Barnum	John Horspool	James Herring.
1846	John D. Willard	Isaac Phillips	Richard Carrique	Ezra S. Barnum	John Horspool	Robert R. Boyd.
1847	John D. Willard	Isaac Phillips	Richard Carrique	Ezra S. Barnum	John Horspool	Robert R. Boyd.
1848	John D. Willard	Oscar Coles	Richard Carrique	Ezra S. Barnum	John Horspool	Robert R. Boyd.
1849	John D. Willard	William H. Minor	Richard Carrique	Ezra S. Barnum	John Horspool	Robert R. Boyd.
1850	William H. Minor	Nelson Randall	Ezra S. Barnum	Nelson Randall	Gerardus Boyce	James W. Powell.
1851	Oscar Coles.	Nelson Randall	Dan. S. Wright	William Holmes	Gerardus Boyce	James W. Powell.
1852	Nelson Randall.	Joseph D. Evans	Dan. S. Wright	William Holmes	Thomas Dugan, sr.	James W. Powell.
1853	Reuben H. Walworth.	Joseph D. Evans	Dan. S. Wright	William Holmes	Thomas Dugan, sr.	James M. Austin.
1854	Joseph D. Evans	John L. Lewis, Jr.	Finlay M. King	Finlay M. King	Charles L. Church	James M. Austin.
1855	Joseph D. Evans	John L. Lewis, Jr.	Finlay M. King	Finlay M. King	Charles L. Church	James M. Austin.
1856	John L. Lewis, Jr.	Robert Macoy	Finlay M. King	James Hyde	Charles L. Church	James M. Austin.
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1897	John L. Lewis, Jr.	Robert Macoy	Finlay M. King	James Hyde	Charles L. Church	James M. Austin.
1898	John L. Lewis, Jr.	Robert Macoy	Finlay M. King	James Hyde	Charles L. Church	James M. Austin.
1899	John L. Lewis, Jr.	Robert Macoy	Finlay M. King	James Hyde	Charles L. Church	James M. Austin.
1900	John L. Lewis, Jr.	Robert Macoy	Finlay M. King	James Hyde	Charles L. Church	James M. Austin.

* Died January 2, 1844. R. W.: JOSEPH STRAUSS appointed to fill the vacancy.

Year.	Grand Master.	Dep. Grand Master.	Sen. Grand Warden.	Jun. Grand Warden.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Secretary.
1859	John L. Lewis, Jr.	John W. Simons	Finlay M. King	Clinton F. Paige	Charles L. Church	James M. Austin.
1860	John W. Simons	Finlay M. King	Clinton F. Paige	Stephen H. Johnson	Charles L. Church	James M. Austin.
1861	Finlay M. King	John Crane	Clinton F. Paige	Stephen H. Johnson	Charles L. Church	James M. Austin.
1862	John J. Crane	Clinton F. Paige	Stephen H. Johnson	Peter P. Murphy	Charles L. Church	James M. Austin.
1863	Clinton F. Paige	J. B. Yates Summers	Stephen H. Johnson	James Gibson	Charles L. Church	James M. Austin.
1864	Clinton F. Paige	Robert D. Holmes	Stephen H. Johnson	James Gibson	Charles L. Church	James M. Austin.
1865	Robert D. Holmes	Stephen H. Johnson	James Gibson	John R. Anderson	*Charles L. Church	James M. Austin.
1866	Robert D. Holmes	Stephen H. Johnson	James Gibson	John R. Anderson	John W. Simons	James M. Austin.
1867	Stephen H. Johnson	John H. Anthon	James Gibson	Christopher G. Fox	John W. Simons	James M. Austin.
1868	James Gibson	John H. Anthon	Christopher G. Fox	Edmund L. Judson	John W. Simons	James M. Austin.
1869	James Gibson	John H. Anthon	Christopher G. Fox	Edmund L. Judson	John W. Simons	James M. Austin.
1870	John H. Anthon	Christopher G. Fox	Edmund L. Judson	James W. Husted	John W. Simons	James M. Austin.
1871	John H. Anthon	Christopher G. Fox	Edmund L. Judson	James W. Husted	John W. Simons	James M. Austin.
1872	Christopher G. Fox	Elwood E. Thorne	Edmund L. Judson	James W. Husted	John W. Simons	James M. Austin.
1873	Christopher G. Fox	Elwood E. Thorne	Edmund L. Judson	James W. Husted	John W. Simons	James M. Austin.
1874	Elwood E. Thorne	James W. Husted	Jesse B. Anthony	James W. Husted	John W. Simons	James M. Austin.
1875	Elwood E. Thorne	James W. Husted	Jesse B. Anthony	Levi M. Gano	John W. Simons	James M. Austin.
1876	James W. Husted	Joseph J. Couch	Jesse B. Anthony	Levi M. Gano	John W. Simons	James M. Austin.
1877	Joseph J. Couch	Edmund L. Judson	Jesse B. Anthony	John D. Williams	Gregory Satterlee	James M. Austin.
1878	Edmund L. Judson	Charles Roome	Jesse B. Anthony	Benjamin Flagler	Gregory Satterlee	James M. Austin.
1879	Charles Roome	Jesse B. Anthony	Benjamin Flagler	Benjamin Flagler	Charles S. Arthur	James M. Austin.
1880	Jesse B. Anthony	Horace S. Taylor	Benjamin Flagler	William A. Brodie	John Boyd	James M. Austin.
1881	Horace S. Taylor	Benjamin Flagler	William A. Brodie	William A. Brodie	John Boyd	James M. Austin.
1882	Benjamin Flagler	J. Edward Simmons	William A. Brodie	John W. Vrooman	John Boyd	Edward M. L. Ehlers.
1883	J. Edward Simmons	William A. Brodie	John W. Vrooman	James Ten Eyck	John Boyd	Edward M. L. Ehlers.
1884	William A. Brodie	Frank R. Lawrence	John W. Vrooman	James Ten Eyck	John Boyd	Edward M. L. Ehlers.
1885	Frank R. Lawrence	John W. Vrooman	James Ten Eyck	John Hodge	John Boyd	Edward M. L. Ehlers.
1886	Frank R. Lawrence	John W. Vrooman	James Ten Eyck	John Hodge	Washington E. Connor	Edward M. L. Ehlers.
1887	Frank R. Lawrence	John W. Vrooman	James Ten Eyck	John Hodge	Washington E. Connor	Edward M. L. Ehlers.
1888	Frank R. Lawrence	John W. Vrooman	James Ten Eyck	John Hodge	John J. Gorman	Edward M. L. Ehlers.
1889	John W. Vrooman	William Sherer	James Ten Eyck	John Hodge	John J. Gorman	Edward M. L. Ehlers.
1890	John W. Vrooman	William Sherer	James Ten Eyck	John Hodge	John J. Gorman	Edward M. L. Ehlers.
1891	William Sherer	James Ten Eyck	John Hodge	William A. Sutherland	John J. Gorman	Edward M. L. Ehlers.
1892	James Ten Eyck	Frederick A. Burnham	John Hodge	Charles E. Ide	John J. Gorman	Edward M. L. Ehlers.
1893	Frederick A. Burnham	John Hodge	William A. Sutherland	Charles E. Ide	John J. Gorman	Edward M. L. Ehlers.
1894	John Hodge	William A. Sutherland	Charles E. Ide	Charles W. Cushman	Jerome E. Morse	Edward M. L. Ehlers.
1895	John Stewart	William A. Sutherland	Charles E. Ide	Charles W. Cushman	Jerome E. Morse	Edward M. L. Ehlers.
1896	John Stewart	William A. Sutherland	Charles E. Ide	Charles W. Cushman	William J. McDonald	Edward M. L. Ehlers.
1897	William A. Sutherland	Wright D. Pownall	Charles E. Ide	Charles W. Cushman	George W. White	Edward M. L. Ehlers.
1898	William A. Sutherland	Wright D. Pownall	Charles E. Ide	Charles W. Cushman	George W. White	Edward M. L. Ehlers.
1899	Wright D. Pownall	Charles W. Mead	Charles W. Cushman	Frank H. Robinson	George W. White	Edward M. L. Ehlers.
1900	Charles W. Mead	Albert Crandall	Charles W. Cushman	Frank H. Robinson	Theodore A. Taylor	Edward M. L. Ehlers.
1901	Charles W. Mead	Albert Crandall	Frank H. Robinson	S. Nelson Sawyer	Theodore A. Taylor	Edward M. L. Ehlers.

* Died June 22, 1865. M. W. JOHN W. SIMONS appointed to fill the vacancy. † Died December 2, 1861. R. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS appointed to fill the vacancy. ‡ Honorary Past Grand Master.

REPORTS

OF

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

To MR. CHARLES W. MEAD,

Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

Dear Sir and M.'. W.'. Brother: Having transmitted to R.'. W.'. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary, as required by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, the statistical report of the condition of the Lodges in the First District for the year ended December 31, 1900, I beg to report further concerning the trust reposed in me, as follows:

Numerically, the district is stronger than the year previous, the net gain being 132.

Financially, with one or two exceptions, the Lodges show a greatly improved condition, many reporting most gratifying gains. Investigation proves that this result is not due so much to gains in membership as to a more conservative handling of Lodge funds and closer attention to the collection of dues.

Fraternally, and it is with the keenest pleasure that I bear witness thereto, the Lodges, with possibly one exception, are actuated and controlled by a spirit of perfect harmony and genuine brotherhood. In the one exceptional case mentioned, I have every reason to believe that the spirit of true Masonic charity prevails among the majority, and that those who now feel aggrieved will soon return to their former allegiance and once more form a united whole.

I have visited officially each Lodge in the district, and many of them twice. My plan has been to first visit the Lodge unofficially and unheralded, thus securing an opportunity for getting into close personal touch with the every-day life and business affairs of the Lodge and laying the foundation for a more successful and useful official visit later on. My only regret is that I could not have done this in every instance; but, as you are aware, the territory is a very large and awkward one to cover, and I was therefore able to reach some of the Lodges but once.

One fact stands out clear and distinct; viz., the absolute and unqualified loyalty of all to the Grand Lodge and the Grand Master. Each Lodge in the district seemed to vie with all others in making loyalty the most pronounced feature of their reception of your representative.

On January 30th and 31st, R'. W'. WILLIAM H. WHITING, Grand Lecturer, exemplified the standard work, the convention for that purpose being held in Riverhead Lodge, No. 645. The attendance was the largest ever recorded in the district, and was certainly fraught with good results. Too much cannot be said in praise of the generous hospitality accorded all members of the convention by the officers and members of Riverhead Lodge.

The most important event of the year was the assembling of the Grand Lodge in Matinecock Lodge, No. 806, on the evening of April 24, 1901, for the purpose of conferring the Master Mason degree upon HON. BRO. THEODORE ROOSEVELT, Vice-President of the United States. Representatives of the Grand Lodges of New Jersey and Connecticut accompanied the Grand Lodge of New York, and the occasion was a memorable one in the history of the Craft.

In my messages to the Lodges of the district, I have urged a closer study of the lessons to be drawn from the symbolic character of Masonry, and the influence its principles should exert upon the Mason's daily life and actions. I have also strongly urged the open discussion of vital questions in connection with practical Lodge government at communications when no degree work is scheduled, the Master himself to either open the discussion or to have some competent brother prepare a paper on a previously announced topic of interest to the Craft, to serve as a basis of discussion to follow its reading. In this analytical age, Masonry offers so wide a range of topics, that such a course intelligently pursued could not fail to produce good educational results and create a deeper interest in the historical and ethical character of the Institution in the minds of its members.

In conclusion, permit me to offer my sincere congratulations on the perfect success of your administration and to thank you most warmly for the high and deeply appreciated honor conferred upon me and upon Island City Lodge, No. 586, through my appointment as your representative in the First District. In my acceptance of the trust, I promised I would try to at least reflect a small measure of credit upon the Grand Master and his administration in the district, and if I have failed, the failure must be attributed to errors of the head rather than the heart.

With best wishes always for many years of continued honors from the Craft you have served so long and well, believe me,

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

FRANK E. HAFF,
D. D. G. M., First Masonic District.

To MR. CHARLES W. MEAD,

Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

Dear Sir and M'. W'. Brother: In concluding my official duties in the Second District, am pleased to inform you that the Lodges are in a most harmonious and prosperous condition, the officers prompt and well versed in their duties, and the brethren most loyal to the administration, and, as

the report which I transmitted to the Grand Secretary, R. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, indicates, the Lodges have been numerically very prosperous.

Referring to your injunction relating to Sections 109 and 110 of the Constitution, I would state that the Lodges are acting in strict compliance with the provisions of those sections. A majority of the Lodges have adopted a measure, namely: declaring their "intention to propose" a measure which was warmly advocated by my esteemed predecessor during his incumbency. Am also pleased to inform you that the Lodges are adopting open examinations. On April 5, 1901, a school of instruction was established in the Second District, and judging from the enthusiastic manner in which the brethren hailed its inauguration, there is every indication that it will not alone prove a success, but that it will prove an invaluable addition to the district.

Nothing of consequence occurred during the year just closing to mar the peace and harmony which prevailed when I entered upon my duties.

On October 19, 1900, Oltmans Lodge, No. 446, celebrated their fiftieth anniversary at their Lodge rooms, which was followed by a reception and banquet on Wednesday evening, October 31, 1900, to which brethren of sister Lodges and friends were invited, and was largely attended. Hyatt Lodge, No. 205, also celebrated its fiftieth anniversary, in commemoration of the event, on two separate occasions. The first was arranged for the entertainment of its brethren and families at Knapp Mansion, Brooklyn, Tuesday evening, December 4, 1900, which proved a most enjoyable event, and the second at the Lodge rooms, on the evening of my official visit, Friday, December 14, 1900, to which the brethren of sister Lodges were invited, and was the occasion of an unusually large gathering of Craftsmen.

When I entered upon my duties, I found the Lodges of the district in a most harmonious and prosperous condition, and so I am pleased to leave them. I wish to thank you most sincerely for the honor you conferred upon Star of Hope Lodge, and hope that I have performed the duties agreeably to your expectations.

I am, fraternally yours,

PHILIP HERRSCHAFT.

D. D. G. M., Second Masonic District.

To MR. CHARLES W. MEAD,
Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother: In accordance with the requirements of the constitution of the Grand Lodge, I have transmitted to R. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary, my report showing the condition of each of the Lodges in the Third Masonic District for the year ending December 31, 1900.

The affairs of the district are in a prosperous condition, and the best of fraternal interest prevails among the brethren.

As your representative, I have, during the year, made an official visit to each Lodge in the district, as well as numerous fraternal, unofficial, and

social visits, and have been received with the utmost cordiality and welcomed with that hearty and fraternal consideration which so characterizes the brethren of the Third District.

Each and every Lodge has universally expressed its loyalty to you and the Grand Lodge.

I have carefully examined the books of the Lodges, and have found them kept in a correct and becoming manner.

The District Convention for the exemplification of the work was held on February 11th and 12th, and was eminently successful; every Lodge in the district was represented, and the manner in which R. W. WILLIAM H. WHITING, Grand Lecturer, exemplified the work was highly beneficial to the brethren.

I indulge the hope that my services have given you some part of that satisfaction which the honor of serving you has given me.

I most gratefully appreciate and acknowledge the great honor you have conferred upon my Lodge and me in appointing me to share in your administration, and, ever mindful of your confidence, I am,

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

WILMON WHILLDIN,
D. D. G. M., Third Masonic District.

To MR. CHARLES W. MEAD,
Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother: I have the honor to present the following report:

As your representative, I have visited each Lodge in the district, and have made frequent informal visits, finding them in excellent condition physically and financially. The annual report, which has been forwarded to the Grand Secretary, shows 3,723 Master Masons in the district, an increase of 212 since last report.

The cash assets of the several Lodges show a substantial increase, and amounted to nearly \$80,000 at close of year.

The communications are well attended, and a gratifying amount of enthusiasm and zeal is manifested.

There is an abundance of work, and the material appears to be of excellent quality.

I again sincerely thank you for the honor conferred on Naval Lodge and myself in appointing me your representative in the old historic Fourth District.

Fraternally yours,

HENRY I. COLMAN,
D. D. G. M., Fourth Masonic District.

To MR. CHARLES W. MEAD,

Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

Dear Sir and M.'. W.'. Brother: In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, I beg leave to report that I have forwarded to R.'. W.'. EDWARD M. L. EHLEBS, Grand Secretary, a tabulated statement of the condition of the Lodges of the Fifth District for the year ending December 31, 1900.

The report will show a large increase in membership of the district, and a commendable zeal has generally been exhibited in this respect, for I believe a most critical scrutiny has been made as to the character and qualifications of the persons proposed for membership, and the test of moral worth and mental capacity applied to the proposed candidates for Masonic honors.

Acting as your representative, I visited officially each Lodge in the district, in addition to numerous calls unofficially, and have been the recipient of the most distinguished consideration, demonstrating the undoubted loyalty of the brethren toward the Grand Lodge and yourself.

A genuine feeling of good fellowship and harmony prevails throughout the district, many of the Lodges having celebrated their fiftieth anniversary, resulting in enjoyable social gatherings of the brethren, and your presence upon several of these occasions has been greatly welcomed and appreciated.

Trusting that my official acts have met with your approval, and thanking you most cordially, appreciating sincerely the honor conferred upon me, in my appointment as your representative in this district, and extending to you and yours my very best wishes for continued health and prosperity, I am,

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

JOHN R. GARDNER,

D. D. G. M., Fifth Masonic District.

To MR. CHARLES W. MEAD,

Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

Dear Sir and M.'. W.'. Brother: Complying with the constitutional requirements of the Grand Lodge, I have forwarded to the Grand Secretary my report of each of the Lodges in the Sixth District for the year ending December 31, 1900. I have made official visits to each of the Lodges in the district, as well as many fraternal calls, and have always been received as your representative with the utmost cordiality and with strong expressions of loyalty. Have examined the books and records of each Lodge, and have found them correct. I have received in the past year generous and loyal support from the Masters and Past Masters of the district, as well as from the Past District Deputies.

Thanking you most sincerely for the honor you have conferred upon me and Henry Clay Lodge, and with the assurance that I have endeavored to meet with your approval, I am,

Fraternally yours,

CHARLES S. CRISP,

D. D. G. M., Sixth Masonic District.

To Mr. CHARLES W. MEAD,

Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother: Conforming to Section 37 of Article V. of the "Book of Constitutions of The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York," I beg to report that I have transmitted to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, R. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, a report for the year ending December 31, 1900.

I feel pardonable pride in this report because of the progress it shows in the Seventh Masonic District during my term of office as your representative in the district. I have visited every Lodge in the district, in my official capacity as your representative, in every instance being received with such evident fraternal good feeling towards the Grand Lodge and the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the State of New York that I am able to report peace, harmony, and fealty to the Grand Lodge existing throughout the whole district. Brotherly love prevails, and the sublime teachings and moral precepts of our great Fraternity, it seems to me, are becoming better understood year by year. I am impressed that the Seventh Masonic District is on a high moral plane.

Socially, I have visited every Lodge frequently, having made 167 visits, being an average of over six visits for each Lodge. I shall look back upon this year of work as being one of the brightest spots in my life. The many friendships formed, and a better knowledge of my brethren established, proves to me that Masonry is indeed an institution that "conciliates true friendship among those who otherwise might have remained at a perpetual distance."

Standard work of a very high order is being done in every Lodge in the district, and the credit for this is justly due to the energy and good work of the Assistant Grand Lecturer of the Seventh District, W. ROBERT W. MORROW, who has, under the auspices of the Square Club, whose president is R. W. AUGUST EICKELBERG, established a "School of Instruction," which meets four times a month, where the standard work is exemplified under the personal supervision of the Assistant Grand Lecturer, whom I strongly commend for the very efficient manner in which he performs his duties.

I cannot refrain from testifying in this report to the loyal support which, as your representative, I have received from all the Masters, Past Masters, and brethren of the Seventh Masonic District during my term of office. On every official visit which I have made in your name, the delegation which has accompanied me has been large and enthusiastic, and has made my duties, which otherwise might have been arduous, comparatively light and exceedingly pleasant. I most earnestly thank these brethren for their loyal support.

I must also report the fraternal good feeling which has been established in the several districts because of the interchange of visits between the District Deputies, particularly in the Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Districts, whose representatives, R. W. JOHN R. GARDNER, R. W. CHARLES S.

CRISP, and myself, have stood shoulder to shoulder, visiting with each other upon almost every occasion when officially representing you, so that the brethren of the Craft have become accustomed not only to visit other Lodges in their own district, but outside of their own district, so establishing fraternal good will and a knowledge of each other more extensive than could have been had they simply visited within their own districts.

I must crave your indulgence, Most Worshipful sir, by asking you to permit me to thank you for the high honor which you conferred upon me in appointing me as your representative of the Seventh Masonic District. I have striven to impress upon the Craft a high ideal of the principles of Freemasonry as I know they are held by you. The Craft have been susceptible to my remarks, and to you, Most Worshipful sir, I am indebted for a better knowledge of the Craft, for a higher conception of its great moral principles, and I trust that as your representative I have not only fulfilled your expectations of what was required of me, but have, as your representative, had an influence for good with those with whom I have been brought in contact and merited the approval of the brethren.

With great regard, I am

Very sincerely and fraternally yours,

WILLIAM E. WILKINSON,
D. D. G. M., Seventh Masonic District.

To MR. CHARLES W. MEAD,

Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother: In obedience to the requirements of our law, I have forwarded to R. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLEERS, Grand Secretary, a report showing the condition of the Lodges in the Eighth Masonic District for the year ending December 31, 1900.

I have visited every Lodge in the district, and, as your chosen representative, have been received by the brethren with marked courtesy and with sincere expressions of loyalty to you and to the Grand Lodge. In all I observed manifested a sincere devotion to the fundamental truths upon which rests the superstructure of our Fraternity.

In my several addresses to the Lodges, I have dwelt upon the moral and benevolent features of our Institution, and have called the attention of the Lodges to the special matters you desired to have presented to them, and in every instance have received assurance that your instructions would be complied with. Subsequent visits to some of the Lodges disclosed that the instructions had taken practical form, and that those Lodges were carefully and cheerfully working in conformity thereto.

An examination by me made of the books of the several Lodges discloses that all are in a condition to assist a brother in distress, and to meet all business demands for the maintenance of the Lodge.

One of the most gratifying incidents of my official career is the marked degree of loyalty shown to you, and courtesy to your representative, in the

attendance of Masters, Past Masters, and brethren on each of my visitations. This report would be incomplete without some expression of gratitude on my part for the support they have given me. Keenly do I appreciate it as an act of loyalty to you, of courtesy to me, and of devotion to the principles which unite us in the bond of Masonic brotherhood.

Harmony prevails throughout the entire district, and the sunshine of prosperity rests upon it. Can we ask more than this?

With best wishes to yourself, please accept my thanks for the honor conferred upon Radiant Lodge, in whose ranks I have the honor to serve, by the selection of one of its members to the position I have the honor to occupy.

Fraternally yours,

URIAH W. TOMPKINS,
D. D. G. M., Eighth Masonic District.

To MR. CHARLES W. MEAD,
Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother: In closing my official duties for the year that is about ending, I have forwarded to R. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary, a statistical report which shows an increase of forty-eight members during the year in the district.

I have visited officially every Lodge in the district, and, besides, made some fraternal calls, and always great courtesy has been shown to your representative. On the 8th and 9th days of August, 1900, Zschokke Lodge, No. 202, celebrated its fiftieth anniversary with great success. R. W. ELBERT CRANDALL, R. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, and many distinguished brethren participated in this successful festival.

On the 29th day of November, 1900, Von Mensch Lodge, No. 766, celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary. A large assemblage of brethren witnessed this splendid occasion, among them R. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS.

On the 6th day of December, 1900, Navigator Lodge, No. 232, celebrated its fiftieth anniversary with great success. R. W. ELBERT CRANDALL, R. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, M. W. JOHN STEWART, and many other brethren were present to pay their respects to the Lodge on this occasion.

On the 2d and 3d days of March, 1901, Solon Lodge, No. 771, the youngest Lodge in the district, celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary. The occasion will not be forgotten by those present. A larger gathering of brother Masons for such occasion has seldom been seen. R. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS and M. W. JOHN STEWART were among the visiting brethren.

On each and every one of these occasions, the district showed its loyalty by presenting a token of brotherly and fraternal love to the Lodge celebrating its institution.

Harmony and prosperity prevail throughout the district, and charity has been extended in loyal Masonic measure.

Before closing, I must express my sincere thanks to the Masters, Past Masters, and Past Deputies of the district for their kind support.

Thanking you most sincerely for the honor you conferred upon Socrates Lodge and myself, in selecting me as your representative in the Ninth District, and hoping the result of my official efforts will meet with your approval,

Very sincerely and fraternally yours,

FRANZ F. PFAFF,
D. D. G. M., Ninth Masonic District.

To MR. CHARLES W. MEAD,
Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother: In conformity to the requirements of the Book of Constitutions, I have forwarded my annual return to the Grand Secretary's office, and submit a duplicate herewith.

I have visited each Lodge in the Latin District at least three times, and am indeed most happy to advise you that our Latin brethren have consistently displayed the utmost loyalty, not only to the Grand Lodge, but to its officers.

As can be seen from the tabulated statements, there has been no great increase in numbers, except in the Italian Lodges. The French, Spanish, and Cuban brethren naturally have a limited field from which to draw; but despite this, they have exercised a most commendable choice in their selection of material, inclining, if at all, towards ultra-conservatism.

Our Italian brethren have naturally a very much larger circle whence to obtain new blood; but they have, however, used their best endeavors to admit only those who are truly worthy of membership in the Masonic family, and they seem to have successfully overcome a tendency of a few years since to seek increase in membership only (which arose out of a spirit of rivalry between the Lodges). This spirit has completely disappeared, and the brethren have awakened to a realization of the danger of considering that degree work was the only Masonic work.

Peace and harmony prevail in all the Lodges, and except for a slight matter of personal difference between two brethren, which was speedily settled, the labors of your Deputy in the Latin District have been largely perfunctory, and his way, during the past year, has truly been made an easy one.

Thanking you again for the honor of deeming me worthy of a position upon your staff, and with wishes for your continued health and prosperity, believe me,

Yours very truly and fraternally,

WILLIAM L. MATHOT,
D. D. G. M., Tenth Masonic District.

To MR. CHARLES W. MEAD,

Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

Dear Sir and M.'. W.'. Brother: Have this day forwarded to R.'. W.'. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary, the annual report of the Lodges composing the Eleventh Masonic District.

Am pleased to be able to report that I have visited every Lodge in the district, in my official capacity, besides making fraternal calls from time to time, and upon all occasions have been received with the honors and attentions due to your representative, and can say truly that the Eleventh District can not be excelled in loyalty to the Grand Lodge and to the great principles of true Masonry.

The convention for the exemplification of the standard work was held under the direction of R.'. W.'. WILLIAM H. WHITING, Grand Lecturer, at Stapleton, January 25th and 26th.

The exemplification of the work was given in a most thorough and intelligent manner. The Grand Lecturer deeply impressed the work upon the minds of all present, and by his courtesy and thoroughness proved himself an efficient as well as popular officer.

Permit me to thank you most cordially for the honor conferred upon Huguenot Lodge, No. 381, and upon myself in selecting me as your representative in this district, and with best wishes for your future success and happiness, I am,

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

CHARLES A. THRALL,
D. D. G. M., Eleventh Masonic District.

To MR. CHARLES W. MEAD,

Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

Dear Sir and M.'. W.'. Brother: It is with a feeling of keenest gratification that I bring to a close a most pleasurable and, I trust, profitable year as your representative, with a favorable report of the affairs of the Craft in the Twelfth District.

I have filed with the Grand Secretary, as required, the tabulated statistical report of the Lodges in the district, which shows an increase of membership of ninety-three, notwithstanding the fact that there has been a thorough refining through the Lodges, and a great deal of the dross which inevitably contaminates the purest gold has been removed, and we have now none but active, energetic workers in the quarries.

I have visited every Lodge in my territory, and on each occasion I have been received, as your representative, with not only respect and cordiality, but real enthusiasm; and reciprocally I have tried to impregnate the minds of the brothers with that honest, earnest zeal and noble, inspiring ambition for higher ideals and achievements that characterizes your life and teachings. The Lodges and the brothers are loyal to you to a man, and hold you in the highest esteem.

The convention for the exemplification of the work was held by R. W. WILLIAM H. WHITING, at White Plains Lodge, on February 25th and 26th, and was well attended. The ritual is adhered to with precision in every instance, and in many cases unusual proficiency and beauty are witnessed.

Harmony prevails in the district, and the Lodges are *all* at work. It is with pride and gratification that I report that two of the Lodges which for a number of years have been idle are now at work, and upon the best material which can be found in their respective villages.

There has been only one circumstance during my husbandry in your vineyard which would tend to disturb the equanimity of the Craft, and that was a difference of opinion as to jurisdiction between Rising Star Lodge and Independent Lodge in the Fifth District. This little unpleasantness, under your wise direction, R. W. JOHN R. GARDNER, District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifth, and I arranged to the satisfaction of all concerned, together visiting Independent Lodge, where we remarked the true Masonic charity of W. BROS. MYERS, of Rising Star, and FAIRHURST, of Independent, and the brothers of their Lodges, and since our visit the warmest fraternal relations exist, both between the Lodges and the Fifth and Twelfth Districts.

I bear testimony to the loyalty of R. W. JOHN SALISBURY, who has done much to assist me during the year, and to our personal reciprocal regard, which has cemented firmly together the Thirteenth and Twelfth Districts, which geographically are so intimate.

Before surrendering the gavel of authority to you, to be wielded in future by more worthy and efficient hands than mine, I wish to, in this public manner, pay tribute to W. CONANT S. LYON and every other brother of my beloved home Lodge, Kisco, No. 708, who have, by their loyalty and leniency, made my efforts possible; to each master and each brother of every Lodge, who have shown their regard and coöperation, both in spirit, and, in some cases, in valuable, tangible substance; and lastly, and principally, to you, for the great favor of selecting me as your representative, for the inestimable inspiration you have given me to work for the uplifting of the grand old Fraternity, and for the warm personal friendship which you have allowed.

I return to you the talents you intrusted to me, and hope they have not been folded in a napkin and buried, but have been employed so that they will bring in usury tenfold.

Sincerely and fraternally,

CHARLES FRANCIS CHAPMAN,
D. D. G. M., Twelfth Masonic District.

To Mr. CHARLES W. MEAD,
Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother: As required by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, I have just forwarded to R. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLEBS,

Grand Secretary, the report of the Lodges in this district for the year ending December 31, 1900.

During the past year, I have visited officially every Lodge in the district, besides numerous informal visits. I presided at the election in three of them and installed the officers of four others.

Every Lodge in the district has received me as your representative with the kindest expressions of regard for you, and their loyalty to the Grand Lodge. I convey to you, as requested, their well wishes for your health and prosperity, as well as that of the Craft.

All of the Lodges in the district are in excellent condition, and harmony prevails, with plenty of work upon apparently excellent material.

The Lodge that a year or two ago was in the poorest condition has, during the past year, made the greatest gain—eighteen—and, so far as I can judge, the material received is of the very best. The interest in the work throughout the entire district is very gratifying; at several of my visits brethren were present who had driven in some cases twenty miles to attend—notably that at Warwick, on one of the coldest nights of the past winter—and the general attendance throughout the district has been the largest that I have seen for several years.

It is beyond my power to express in words to you my thanks for the high honor that you conferred upon me. I have endeavored to so discharge the duties of the office that I might justify you in your appointment of myself, if possible. I think that my shortcomings, if any, will be considered those of the head and not of the heart.

Again thanking you, I am,

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

JOHN SALISBURY,
D. D. G. M., Thirteenth Masonic District.

To MR. CHARLES W. MEAD,
Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother: In accordance with the requirements of the Grand Lodge, the annual return of the Lodges in the Fourteenth District for the year ending December 31, 1900, has been filed with the Grand Secretary.

I regret exceedingly that I am not able to report that I have visited all the Lodges in this jurisdiction during the present Masonic year.

Having been elected member of the New York State Assembly for the present year, much of the time which would otherwise have been utilized in visiting Lodges was necessarily occupied in attendance upon the sessions of the Legislature. Notwithstanding this fact, I have made as many visits as the time at my disposal would permit.

It gives me great pleasure to report that the general condition of Masonry in the Fourteenth District is unusually good. The Lodges of the district, with perhaps a single exception, are prosperous and growing, and Masonry is practiced upon a very high plane.

Halcyon Lodge, located at Millbrook, County of Dutchess, was instituted under dispensation during the year, and I am happy to report that the Lodge has demonstrated to my satisfaction that it should be granted a charter by the Grand Lodge, which fact I have certified to the Grand Secretary, as required by the Book of Constitutions.

The district convention for the exemplification of the work was held at Chatham, New York, January 23d and 24th, 1901, under the direction of R. W. WILLIAM H. WHITING, Grand Lecturer.

The convention was well attended, and resulted in much benefit to the Craft of the district.

Let me, in closing, again give expression to my deep appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by my selection as your representative for the Fourteenth District, and to congratulate you upon the conspicuous success of your present term as Grand Master.

Wishing you continued happiness and great prosperity in your every walk of life, permit me to remain, Most Worshipful sir, with great respect,

Yours fraternally,

SANFORD W. SMITH,

D. D. G. M., Fourteenth Masonic District.

To MR. CHARLES W. MEAD,

Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother: I have forwarded to the Grand Secretary the annual report of Lodges in the Fifteenth Masonic District. I regret very much that I was unable to visit all of the Lodges in the district, owing to sickness in the family, of such a nature that constant attendance night and day for eight months past has been necessary. The performance of my part of this task has been such a tax on my time and strength that it was simply a physical impossibility. The pleasantest part of a District Deputy's duties are his official visits; and it would have been a very great pleasure to me to have visited officially, as your representative, all the Lodges, if I could possibly have done so. However, in my visits I have met brethren from all the Lodges in the district, and have kept in close touch with them all, and can assure you that harmony and brotherly love prevail and all the Lodges are in a healthy and prosperous condition. Great care has been exercised to investigate the character of all who have sought admission, and the Lodges see more and more the importance of requiring candidates to be proficient in the work before advancement. Considerable pride is also taken in correctly rendering the standard work.

The annual district convention for the exemplification of the standard work was held at Coxsackie, January 16th and 17th. A very large number were present; nearly every Lodge in the district was represented. A deep interest and desire to learn the correct work was strongly manifested, and the gentlemanly and courteous manner in which R'. W'. WILLIAM H. WHITING, Grand Lecturer, imparted instruction was spoken of in most flattering terms by all present.

One infirm brother of this district has found a home in that God-given institution, the Masonic Home at Utica, the only home he has on earth. Surely it seems that the blessing of the Supreme Ruler will rest upon and abide with our Fraternity in this jurisdiction in its efforts to provide and maintain this haven of rest. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Thanking you for the high honor conferred on Ark Lodge, No. 48, and upon me in my appointment as your representative, and with best wishes for your future success and happiness, I am,

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

STEPHEN H. VAN DYCK,
D. D. G. M., Fifteenth Masonic District.

To MR. CHARLES W. MEAD,

Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

Dear Sir and M'. W'. Brother: As required by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, I have forwarded to R'. W'. EDWARD M. L. EHLEBS, Grand Secretary, the report of the Lodges in this district for the year ending December 31, 1900.

As your representative, I have visited officially every Lodge in the district, and have at all times been received with due courtesy and honor, and with most gratifying cordiality. There has not been a wave of discord; peace and good fellowship prevail, and all the Lodges are seemingly prosperous and working in harmony, and show a goodly increase in membership.

The annual convention for this district was held in Walton Lodge rooms on January 11th and 12th. The attendance was especially gratifying, it being the largest, best attended, and most enthusiastic convention ever held in this district. R'. W'. W. H. WHITING exemplified the work and lectures of the several degrees in a manner both interesting and beneficial, imparting his instructions in a way which pleased, convinced, and impressed all the brethren, and the good results were manifest in the several Lodges of the district when I visited them. The officers and brethren of Walton Lodge, No. 559, united in every effort to extend a most fraternal welcome to the representatives of the Lodges of the district. I desire to extend the thanks of the several Lodges in the district to the brethren of Walton Lodge, No. 559, for their courtesy and hospitality, and especially commend the efforts of W'. B. A. TREGURTHA, Master, for his painstaking zeal in adding to the success of the convention.

The pleasures which have been mine in meeting the brethren of the various Lodges, the lasting acquaintances formed, and the fraternal welcome extended on each occasion will ever be a most pleasant remembrance. To you I owe a debt of gratitude, and the inspiration received in the various correspondence and personal visits has been invaluable in my guidance; and if I have succeeded in imparting to the brethren anything of value in Masonry, it has been but a reflection of that which I have received from yourself in the high and honorable station which you occupy.

I desire to express sincere thanks for the high honor you have conferred upon Livingston Manor Lodge, No. 791, and on myself, in appointing me your representative. I have endeavored to discharge the trust creditably, and hope that my work has earned your approval. Congratulating you on the success of your administration, I am, with best wishes,

Fraternally yours,

WILLIAM B. VOORHEES,
D. D. G. M., Sixteenth Masonic District.

To MR. CHARLES W. MEAD,
Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

Dear Sir and M.'. W.' Brother: Permit me to express to you my high appreciation and extend my sincere thanks for the distinguished honor that you conferred upon Wadsworth Lodge, No. 417, and myself, in selecting me as your representative in the Seventeenth District.

The loyalty to the Grand Lodge and to you, its Grand Master, and the high estimation in which you are personally held by the Craft in this district, have been fully and pleasantly demonstrated by the cordial and fraternal receptions accorded me as your representative.

Aside from the satisfaction of having performed my duty, I have derived much pleasure in visiting all the Lodges in the district. The large attendance at every visit, and the Masonic spirit displayed, fully convince me that a special effort was made in each case to fully demonstrate the estimation in which you are held.

Not a discordant note has been sounded to mar the perfect harmony that prevails between the Lodges or brethren, with one exception. This condition is largely due to the efficient work of my predecessors.

The most important event during the year was the reception tendered you by your mother Lodge, Temple, No. 14, on which occasion the brethren of the district joined with the brethren of Temple Lodge, to the number of 2,000, to do you honor. Its success was only possible by the untiring and able efforts of its Master, W.'. ALFRED A. GUTHRIE, to whom great credit is due.

On January 21st and 22d, the district convention was held in the Temple, at Albany, under the direction of R.'. WILLIAM H. WHITING, Grand Lecturer, who exemplified the three degrees in a pleasing and instructive

manner. The attendance taxed the capacity of the Lodge room, showing the earnest desire of the brethren to maintain the standard work.

James Ten Eyck Lodge, U. D., which you were pleased to grant a dispensation to, has made a record of which it may well feel proud. It is a credit to him whose honored name it bears.

The Past Masters' Association entered upon the second year of its existence with every assurance of accomplishing the laudable purposes of its organizers.

In compliance with the requirements of the Constitution, I have forwarded to R. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary, the customary report, giving the condition of the Lodges in the Seventeenth District for the year ending December 31, 1900. I find the increase for the year was 153.

With best wishes for your continued happiness and prosperity, and congratulations on your highly commendable administration, now drawing to a close, I remain,

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

JAMES T. HANRAHAN,
D. D. G. M., Seventeenth Masonic District.

To MR. CHARLES W. MEAD,

Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother: In conformity with the requirements of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, I have transmitted to R. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary, the annual report of the Lodges comprising the Eighteenth Masonic District for the year ending December 31, 1900.

The report shows a healthful gain in membership, most of the Lodges showing an increase for the year.

Owing to my enforced absence from home a large part of the year, I have only been able to visit sixteen of the nineteen Lodges of the district. As your representative, I have everywhere been received with the utmost courtesy.

The large attendance on the occasions of my official visits, the cordiality of my reception, and the excellent manner in which the officers of the several Lodges perform their work, assure us that Masonry in this district is receiving the attention its excellent principles deserve.

Two events of the year deserve especial notice as having been of great interest to the Craft of the district. These are the laying of the cornerstone of the county building at Cooperstown and the Fox Memorial Hospital at Oneonta; the first taking place on July 28th, the second on October 5th.

The honor of your presence on these occasions, accompanied by the large number of Grand Officers in attendance, was highly appreciated, and the

pleasure experienced will long be remembered by all who were so fortunate as to be present.

The convention for the exemplification of the work was held at Schoharie on February 7th and 8th, under the direction of R. W. WILLIAM H. WHITING, Grand Lecturer, and, although the attendance was not as large as I had hoped, great interest was manifested by those present, and all were united in their appreciation of the able and pleasing manner in which BRO. WHITING imparted instruction.

Nothing of importance has occurred during the year to disturb the good fellowship which exists among the Lodges; harmony prevails, and altogether the affairs of the district are in a most satisfactory condition.

In conclusion, permit me to express my sincere thanks for the honor you have conferred upon Otego Union Lodge and myself, by appointing me as your representative in this district, and to indulge the hope that I may have discharged the duties which have devolved upon me to your satisfaction and for the best interests of the Craft.

Congratulating you upon the success of your administration, and wishing for you a happy and prosperous future, I am,

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

FRED. L. COGGESHALL,
D. D. G. M., Eighteenth Masonic District.

To MR. CHARLES W. MEAD,
Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother: Having filed with the Grand Secretary my annual report of the Nineteenth Masonic District for the year ending December 31, 1900, I beg to state that I have visited officially each of the nineteen Lodges in the district.

My report shows a net increase of one hundred and forty-two (142) Master Masons during the year, and the activity, harmony, and good feeling everywhere displayed evidence the satisfactory condition of the order and promise good returns to be reported by my successor.

One of the greatest pleasures I have experienced was the frequent attendance of several of the Past District Deputies, as well as delegations from the neighboring Lodges, when I made my official visits, which shows conclusively that harmony and fraternity are prominent characteristics of the Masons in this district.

The hearty expression of every Lodge of its loyalty and devotion to the Grand Lodge and yourself has been to me most pleasing, encouraging, and satisfactory.

The annual district convention was held in the rooms of Artisan Lodge, No. 84, of Amsterdam, October 15th and 16th, 1900, and was well attended; nearly every Lodge in the district was represented. The work, as exempli-

fied by R. W. WILLIAM H. WHITING, Grand Lecturer, has, by reason of the careful attention which his excellent methods invite, been productive of great good, and I find with pleasure that the Worshipful Masters and officers of the several Lodges emulate each other in their endeavors to perform their work in strict accordance with his teachings.

A most notable event, and one which has borne splendid fruit, was the constitution of Welcome Lodge, No. 829, at Amsterdam, by the Grand Master, assisted by his staff. The attendance was exceptionally large, and the impressive ceremonies were attentively enjoyed and deeply appreciated by every brother present; few of whom, not excepting the writer, had ever been favored with the opportunity to be present at such a beautiful and imposing ceremony.

The bright predictions of increased interest and success in Masonry made by R. W. WILLIAM I. TABER, Past District Deputy of this Nineteenth Masonic District, have been more than fulfilled, particularly in Amsterdam, where the combined increase of the two Lodges, Artisan, the old parent, and Welcome, the infant Lodge, of our district, has alone been forty-seven (47) Master Masons.

Welcome Lodge began her existence under dispensation, September 12, 1899, with thirty-nine (39) members; received her charter May 2, 1900; and by December 31, 1900, had added thirty-one (31) names to her roll of membership. Since January 1st she has raised fifteen (15) Master Masons and has eighteen (18) more on the way, initiated, passed, and in applications received.

In my loyalty to my own Lodge, Artisan, No. 84, I wish particularly to note her increase also. In 1900 we added seventeen (17) members to our roll, and have since January 1st raised sixteen (16) more, with still thirteen (13) on the way and in applications received, making a grand total increase, from January 1, 1900, to date, of one hundred and ten for Amsterdam. This new Amsterdam membership, in character, respectability, and standing, is a credit to the Fraternity.

Mohawk Valley Lodge, No. 276, located at Mohawk, has arisen from its ashes, and with a new and splendidly appointed Lodge room, and with zealous and enthusiastic officers, I firmly believe that a prosperous future will be her well-earned reward. Much credit is due all the brethren for their courage and energy in overcoming the disastrous loss and disheartening effect of the late conflagration, in which all was lost.

In behalf of Artisan Lodge, No. 84, and myself, I thank you for the honor conferred by my appointment as your District Deputy, and I trust that my official service has met your approval and that of my brethren.

The Nineteenth Masonic District unanimously extends to you its hearty congratulation on the splendid success of your administration, and your representative unites with all the brethren in best wishes for your future success and happiness.

Fraternally,

ROBERT N. CLARK,
D. D. G. M., Nineteenth Masonic District.

To MR. CHARLES W. MEAD,

Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother: As required by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, I have forwarded to R. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary, the report of the Lodges in this district for the year ending December 31, 1900.

While the Lodges, with the exception of one, show a change in membership, the total has increased during the year.

It has been my privilege to visit officially every Lodge in the district, and, as your representative, I have been most cordially received.

I found the Lodges in good condition financially, and the secretaries keep the records in a neat, business-like manner.

It is a pleasure to report that "peace and prosperity prevail," and that the harmony of the district has not been disturbed during the past year.

In most of the Lodges I witnessed the work of conferring the degrees, and I am pleased to report that the standard work is followed by the Lodges in the district.

The annual convention for the exemplification of the standard work was held in the Lodge rooms of Granville Lodge, No. 55, October 10 and 11, 1900, under the direction of R. W. WILLIAM H. WHITING, Grand Lecturer, all the Lodges in the district being represented except one. An unusually large gathering of the brethren was present, considering the season of the year.

One matter of importance is the assured fact that Sandy Hill Lodge, No. 372, will soon commence the erection of a new Masonic Hall that will be a credit to the Craft in northern New York, and I have been informed that the corner-stone will be laid during the early summer months, with appropriate Masonic ceremonies.

In closing my official work for the year, I express my appreciation for my appointment as your representative in the Twentieth Masonic District, and sincerely congratulate you upon the success of your administration.

Yours fraternally,

JAMES M. POTTER,

D. D. G. M., Twentieth Masonic District.

To MR. CHARLES W. MEAD,

Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother: In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, I have transmitted to R. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS statement of the condition of the Lodges within the Twenty-first Masonic District for the year ending December 31, 1900.

Four of the Lodges in the district I failed to visit, owing to serious illness; in the other Lodges I was welcomed most cordially. Peace and good

fellowship prevail, and, with few exceptions, the Lodges are in a prosperous condition, both financially and otherwise.

The convention for the exemplification of the work was held under the direction of R. W. WILLIAM H. WHITING, Grand Lecturer, at Mechanicville, January 18th and 19th, and was fairly attended, and much benefit was derived by the officers and members of the several Lodges, and earnest efforts to maintain the standard work are made throughout the district.

I am deeply indebted to you for the high honor you conferred upon me and Ondawa Lodge, No. 820, in selecting me as your representative in the district, and trust my feeble efforts have received your approval. To the brethren of the district, I desire to express my sincere thanks for the many courtesies extended.

Congratulating you most heartily on your success as Grand Master, wishing you many years of prosperity and happiness, I am,

Fraternally yours,

WILLIAM H. KIRKPATRICK,
D. D. G. M., Twenty-first Masonic District.

To MR. CHARLES W. MEAD,

Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother: It affords me great pleasure to report that the year just closing has been a most prosperous one in the Twenty-second District. Each Lodge has striven most successfully to outdo its previous good record, not only in its additional membership, but in following most closely the revised standard work as exemplified by R. W. BRO. WHITING, Grand Lecturer. Rescue Lodge, No. 772, has equipped, and is now installed, in rooms of elegance, which surroundings are in keeping with the work done by its officers. In all Lodges of the district there has been a steady and healthful increase of membership. Your representative has been the recipient of every courtesy due him, and although he has been unable to visit the Lodges as he wished to do, yet he feels constrained to say that nothing but fraternal feelings prevail throughout the district.

Lake Placid Lodge, under dispensation, is not only a credit to itself but to the Grand Lodge, because of the efficiency of its work.

With twenty-five charter members it has grown as follows: initiated, 24; passed and raised, 22; total, 47, with about 20 resident Masons who will apply for membership, should a charter be granted, for which I most earnestly pray, and recommend that the same be granted.

Thanking you for the privilege of having been your representative, I am,

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

KARL J. SEVERANCE,
D. D. G. M., Twenty-second Masonic District.

To MR. CHARLES W. MEAD,

Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

Dear Sir and M'. W'. Brother: In compliance with the requirements of the Constitution, I have transmitted to R'. W'. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary, a tabulated statement of the condition of the Lodges in the Twenty-third Masonic District for the year ending December 31, 1900. The statement is complete, with the exception that one Lodge has failed thus far to make out proper returns. It is with much satisfaction that I am able to report an increased membership in this district of good worthy material, and it has been observed that the Lodges have not made as much of an effort for members as they have to admit none excepting those that would be an honor to the Craft. This district would have shown a good large increase had not several of the Lodges done a considerable house-cleaning and weeded out several members that they have been carrying for years, who were abundantly able, but would not pay Lodge dues.

The annual convention was held in the Lodge rooms of St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 111, Canton, N. Y., October 3 and 4, 1900. The attendance was especially gratifying. The pleasing manner in which the degrees of symbolic Masonry were exemplified by R'. W'. WILLIAM H. WHITING met the hearty approval of all, and those who were fortunate in being present spoke in the most pleasing manner of the Grand Lecturer, the instructions received, benefits derived, the friendly and courteous way that he had imparted to them the standard work, and hoped for his return for many years to come.

It has been my privilege to visit nearly all of the Lodges in this district, and my business, being that of a commercial traveler, has taken me to places not officially visited, but has kept me in close touch with all the Lodges, and it is very satisfying to be able to report that all are hewing close to the line in the standard work, and that the greatest of harmony prevails throughout the whole district, which is clearly demonstrated by the frequent exchange of visits from one Lodge to another and the warm, fraternal, and hospitable reception accorded. In making my official visits all have displayed loyalty to the Grand Lodge, and I have no words to express my appreciation to the brethren of this district for the cordial receptions that have been tendered me as your personal representative.

The closing of the year's work as District Deputy Grand Master is the rounding up of an eventful period of my life's history. Its duties and its requirements have been to me a labor of love. And in conclusion, I would express to you my sincere thanks for the honor that you have conferred in making me your deputy for this district, and I assure you, sir, that it is the unanimous wish of the Craft that the future of your life may have the same measure of success meted out to it as has attended your administration during the past year. Again thanking you for the honor, and all the brethren of the district for their warm support, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

OLIVER H. FARNSWORTH,

D. D. G. M., Twenty-third Masonic District.

To MR. CHARLES W. MEAD,

Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

Dear Sir and M.'. W.'. Brother: As required by the Constitution, I have forwarded to R.'. W.'. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary, my official report of the Lodges in the Twenty-fourth Masonic District.

This report shows a healthy growth in the membership of the district, being a net increase of ninety-three over the preceding year.

The District Convention, held in Watertown, October 1st and 2d, was more largely attended than any convention in recent years in this district.

The convention was eminently successful, and the standard work ably exemplified by R.'. W.'. WILLIAM H. WHITING, Grand Lecturer. Good Masonic work is being done throughout the district. Fraternal harmony and good fellowship exist throughout the district. But one instance has arisen calling for official action on my part, and that has been happily settled to the satisfaction of all concerned.

As your representative in this district I have been received most kindly and courteously, and I can bear testimony of the good will of the brethren and their loyalty to the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge.

Permit me, Most Worshipful sir, to thank you most sincerely for the honor conferred upon me and my Lodge in appointing me as your representative in this district and to assure you that it has been a pleasure to have been a part of your eminently successful administration. With kind personal regards and best wishes, I am,

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

FRANK S. KENYON,

D. D. G. M., Twenty-fourth Masonic District.

To MR. CHARLES W. MEAD,

Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

Dear Sir and M.'. W.'. Brother: In accordance with the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, I have forwarded to the R.'. W.'. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary, the annual report of the Lodges in this district for the year ending December 31, 1900.

I am pleased to report to you that I have visited, officially, every Lodge in the district, and have, as your representative, presented to the brethren your most cordial and fraternal greeting.

I have found peace, harmony, and prosperity prevailing without a single exception in all the Lodges.

In this northern district, amid the rigors of winter, when I visited most of the Lodges, I found a goodly number of the membership, and in some cases a very large number, present to greet your deputy.

I tried to make the visit, not one of mere form, but one of profit to all present. I asked numerous questions, the following being a sample :

What is Masonry? What has Masonry done for you? What have you done for Masonry? How can you help build up your Lodge, increase its membership, and make its communications more interesting and profitable? How can the Master increase the attendance of the Lodge and secure the help and support of the Past Masters?

In discussing these and other questions, the brethren could readily see that not the officers only had something to do to make the work of the Lodge successful, but every member had something to do.

In Oswego, our Lodges are not making the growth in numbers that they did years ago.

We have been studying the cause, and find that recently numbers of secret social organizations have come into existence that are attracting our young men and into which they are going.

They say that in these societies they have the benefits of reading-rooms, card-rooms, billiards and pool, and bowling alleys, where they can enjoy themselves, and not be disgraced by the saloon to which these are generally attached.

Has not the time fully come when many of these amusements should be introduced into rooms fitted up for the purpose in our Masonic Temples?

In Oswego, the Lodges are now contemplating larger and more extensive quarters, modified and enlarged, so that many, if not all the amusements before named, may be enjoyed by all the members, and thus be an incentive to young men, who are the hope of the future, to become Masons.

The convention for the exemplification of the standard work was held in the rooms of Central Square Lodge, No. 622, at Central Square, October 17 and 18, 1900.

The convention was made, under the wise instruction and able management of R. W. WILLIAM H. WHITING, Grand Lecturer, a great benefit to the entire district, and without which the Lodges would sustain a great loss.

And now, M. W. sir, in completing my work, I wish to express to you my deep appreciation and thanks for the high honor you have conferred upon Æonian Lodge, No. 679, and myself, by appointing me your deputy.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

CHARLES H. TREADWELL,
D. D. G. M., Twenty-fifth Masonic District.

To MR. CHARLES W. MEAD,
Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother: In obedience to the constitutional requirements, I have transmitted to R. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary, the annual report of Lodges comprising the Twenty-sixth Masonic District for the year ending December 31, 1900.

The statistical report shows gratifying increase in membership, an increase the more pleasing because comprising men of high standing who will bring honor to the Craft.

As your representative I have visited officially every Lodge in the district. On each of these occasions I was met by a large representation of brethren whose uniform courtesy and fraternal greeting were exceedingly pleasant and gratifying.

My addresses to the brethren were confined to thoughts which would lead to reflection upon the many virtues taught by our ritual, and the endeavor to portray those beautiful teachings in our lives and characters, as well as in the work of degrees. The marked attention paid these efforts impressed me with the belief that the brethren were in a receptive mood upon such lines, that a strong interest and zeal in the Craft were manifest, and that a spirit of loyalty to the Grand Master prevailed.

I find a remarkable condition of harmony and enthusiasm on the subject of Masonry pervading the order throughout the entire district, the only case of discord being one upon which I have heretofore made a special report to you, and in regard to which I am happy to state that matters are arranging themselves so that, I believe, a state of harmony will be accomplished without the further intervention of any influence outside the particular Lodges to which I have already referred.

The District Convention held in the Masonic Temple at Utica, December 13th and 14th, was very largely attended, seventeen of the nineteen Lodges in the district being represented. Our Grand Lecturer, R. W. WILLIAM H. WHITING, exemplified the standard work and lectures of the several degrees in a manner which was not only most instructive and beneficial, but also most considerate and courteous, imparting his instructions in a way which pleased, convinced, and impressed all the brethren. The brethren of this district feel most grateful to you for giving them such an able, kind instructor, and I have no doubt that the beneficial influence of his instruction has been far-reaching throughout this whole Grand Jurisdiction.

The visiting brethren were well entertained by the Utica Lodges, who, at the last session, served a banquet in their honor.

Permit me to say that the most notable event of the year was the annual visit of our Grand Master to the Masonic Home, February 7, 1901; your presence on that occasion was highly appreciated by those who were privileged to be present, and found expression in a smile of sincere gladness. The eloquent addresses delivered by you and others of your associate Grand Lodge Officers at that time awakened in the heart a newer, deeper, and more lasting impression of our ancient and honorable Fraternity.

Before concluding this report I beg to acknowledge my indebtedness to all members of the Craft throughout the district for cordial support during my term of office.

I also take this opportunity to express my appreciation of, and to extend my thanks for, the courteous support which I have received at the

hands of R. W. ROBERT DODD and Assistant Grand Lecturer R. W. BRO. DAVIS. The hearty coöperation of these esteemed Masonic brethren and the many pleasant acquaintances and friendships formed will form a reminiscence over which I shall love to linger and which shall never be forgotten.

I desire also, at this time, to acknowledge the uniform kindness and courtesy which you have extended, and to thank you sincerely for the high honor conferred upon Remsen Lodge, No. 677, and upon myself personally, by the appointment as your representative in this district. I have endeavored to perform the duties of this office to the best of my ability, and I shall feel amply repaid for the time and labor I have given for the promotion of the highest and best interests of Freemasonry during my stewardship if my efforts have been such as to command your approval.

Permit me, in conclusion, to congratulate you on the success of your administration and upon the high regard in which you are universally held by the Craft.

With assurances of the warmest personal regards and best wishes for your future happiness and success, I remain,

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

EDWIN HUGHES,

D. D. G. M., Twenty-sixth Masonic District.

To MR. CHARLES W. MEAD,

Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother: In conformity with the requirements of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, I have forwarded to R. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLEBS, Grand Secretary, the annual report, showing the condition of the Lodges comprising the Twenty-seventh Masonic District, for the year ending December 31, 1900.

The report shows a net increase of two hundred and seventy-two (272) over the report of the preceding year, with every indication of a continued increase in the year to come.

Peace and harmony prevail throughout the district, the Lodges are all in a prosperous condition, and the brethren are active and earnest in promoting the onward march of Masonic progress.

The annual convention for the exemplification of the standard work was held in the rooms of Central City Lodge, No. 305, at Syracuse, January 8th and 9th, under the direction of R. W. WILLIAM H. WHITING, Grand Lecturer. The convention was well attended, and the courteous and able manner in which the Grand Lecturer exemplified the work received the commendation of all, and the occasion was a source of much pleasure and profit to the Craft. I desire to extend the thanks of the Lodges of this district to W. W. S. FARMER and to the officers and brethren of Central City Lodge for the hospitality and courtesies received,

and to BRO. JOHN P. LISTMAN, of Syracuse Lodge, No. 501, and to all the brethren who aided in making the convention a successful and profitable one.

I have officially visited each of the twenty-six Lodges in this district, and upon all occasions, as your representative, have been most cordially received, which speaks louder than words of the loyalty to Masonic principles, to the Grand Lodge, and to you as its Grand Master, by the brethren in this district.

Sincerely thanking you for the honor you have conferred upon Cortlandville Lodge, No. 470, and upon myself, by appointing me as your representative in this district, and with the best wishes for your welfare, I remain,

Sincerely and fraternally,

STRATTON S. KNOX,

D. D. G. M., Twenty-seventh Masonic District.

To MR. CHARLES W. MEAD,
Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

Dear Sir and M.' W.' Brother: In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, I have forwarded to R.' W.' EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary, the statistical report of Lodges in the Twenty-eighth District for the year ending December 31, 1900.

Am pleased to note that this district shows a net gain of 120 over the preceding year, which, in view of the fact that some of our Lodges have lost heavily by death and otherwise, seems to me a most creditable showing. The additions have been, as far as I have been able to learn, men of high standing in the community, which fact will add to the credit and reputation of the order.

As your representative, I have visited every Lodge in the district (with one exception, at the time of regular communications), and have been at all times received with the greatest kindness and courtesy, the brethren putting forth the utmost exertion to entertain the representative of the Grand Master, and it has been my pleasure to hear the brethren say many kind words both of yourself and of the manner in which you have performed the duties of your high office. I have found all the Lodges in good working order, records and accounts carefully kept, and, with one or two exceptions, finances in a satisfactory condition.

The District Convention was held in the rooms of Norwich Lodge on January 9th and 10th, the Grand Lecturer, R.' W.' WILLIAM H. WHITING, giving the needed instruction in his usual courteous and efficient manner. The convention was well attended, all the Lodges except a few of the smaller ones in remote parts of the district being represented. In this connection I wish particularly to commend the excellent work done by Assistant Grand Lecturer, W.' EDWARD HUGHES, of Eastern Light Lodge, No. 126, who was present throughout the convention.

I also take pleasure in reporting that the Lodges show the result of the good work done at the conventions by their strict conformity to the standard work.

There has been but one occurrence during the year to mar the harmony of the Lodges in the district, and that, I feel sure, will have righted itself before the Grand Lodge meeting in May.

In conclusion, M.'. W.'. sir, I wish once more to thank you for the honor conferred upon me, as well as upon Norwich Lodge, No. 302, and to hope that my official acts as your representative in the Twenty-eighth District may, in some measure at least, meet with your approval.

With best wishes for your continued prosperity, and hopes that you may receive continued honors at the hands of the Craft, I remain,

Fraternally and sincerely,

JOHN H. SMITH,
D. D. G. M., Twenty-eighth Masonic District.

To MR. CHARLES W. MEAD,
Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

Dear Sir and M.'. W.'. Brother: In conformity with the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, I have transmitted to R.'. W.'. EDWARD M. L. EHLEERS, Grand Secretary, my statistical report of the Lodges in the Twenty-ninth District for the year ending December 31, 1900.

The report shows a net gain of 119 members, and I am pleased to state that this gain is very flattering for this district, not only on account of the number, but the quality of members admitted. I have had the pleasure of visiting every Lodge in the district, and in each Lodge I have been received in a manner that demonstrates fully the sincere fraternal brotherly love and loyalty which exists between the subordinate Lodges and the Grand Lodge.

It is gratifying to report that perfect harmony exists in the entire district, and there was never more enthusiasm displayed than at the present time. I find the financial standing of the various Lodges in a healthy condition.

The secretaries of the Lodges in this district are worthy of special mention, their books being kept in a manner reflecting credit upon themselves and their Lodges.

The work of the several Lodges is of a high order, showing the effect of the convention held by R.'. W.'. WILLIAM H. WHITING, Grand Lecturer, ably assisted by R.'. W.'. H. F. BOOTH, Assistant Grand Lecturer. The convention was well attended, showing the deep interest manifested in the work.

I desire to thank the brethren of this district for the many courtesies

extended in my official visitations and assure them their kindness is fully appreciated.

In conclusion, Grand Master, I express to you my sincere appreciation for the honor conferred upon me and assure you I am deeply grateful.

Fraternally and sincerely yours,

JOHN LEVY,

D. D. G. M., Twenty-ninth Masonic District.

To MR. CHARLES W. MEAD,

Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

Dear Sir and M.' W.' Brother: Complying with the provision of the Constitution, I have the honor to submit the following brief review of the general condition of Masonry in the Thirtieth District.

From the statistical report transmitted to R.' W.' EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary, it will appear that there has been a considerable increase in the total membership in this district, giving evidence of unusual activity and large accessions in some of the Lodges, and a net gain in a majority of them. It is believed that, in a measure, the introduction and development, in Masonic circles, of purely social features has had its effect in attracting new material and increasing the interest of older members in our Institution. Under proper restrictions, and being made subordinate to Lodge affairs, such social features constitute a legitimate stimulant in promoting and sustaining a closer fraternity among the members; and, too, affording the opportunity, especially to the younger men, of passing leisure hours under refining and wholesome influences, it would appear that the Masonic Club is worthy of support and the fullest encouragement.

With the exception of two, for which dates have been made, it has been my privilege and pleasure to extend the greetings of the Grand Master to every Lodge in the district. These occasions have been marked by the most cordial reception and expressions of loyalty. Particular attention was given to imparting instruction in the standard work and to the presentation and discussion of certain provisions of the Constitution, wherein the fullest freedom was invited, the liveliest interest manifested, and much profit derived. The standard work is followed very closely by all the Lodges. In some instances, however, certain phrasings, now obsolete, appear still to obtain, on account rather of the difficulty of unlearning than of any disposition to ignore the instruction of the Grand Lecturer. Special mention should be made of the interest and loyalty manifested by the members of the smaller Lodges in the country districts, often at great inconvenience and personal sacrifice making it a point to attend Lodge communications.

The District Convention was held at Auburn on November 12th and 13th. Although the exemplification of the work, under the instruction of the Grand Lecturer, was very successfully carried through and with com-

paratively few corrections, it was noted that several Lodges were not represented and that it was difficult to fill the chairs. This opportunity is taken to recommend to each Lodge special effort to secure the attendance of some of its members at the District Convention. And it is urged that all undertake to perform any duties assigned, and participate in the work without hesitation, feeling assured that any criticism will be made in the most considerate and courteous spirit and with the view of assisting in the discharge of a duty which every officer owes to his Lodge. In this connection the liberty is taken of further urging upon the officers of a Lodge the importance of giving, so far as practicable, prompt attention to all communications and business matters. It not infrequently occurs that satisfactory adjustment of appointment dates, the completion of reports, etc., are delayed because of the lack of such attention. The highest efficiency of any organization cannot be attained without business-like attention to its business details.

I desire to return grateful appreciation of the honor and pleasure of representing the Grand Master in the Thirtieth District. The effort to faithfully discharge the duties imposed has been most profitable to myself, and, I trust, of benefit to the Lodges in the district and to the Craft in the State. I remain,

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

WILLIAM O. KERR,

D. D. G. M., Thirtieth Masonic District.

To MR. CHARLES W. MEAD,

Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

Dear Sir and M.'. W.'. Brother: In compliance with the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, I have transmitted to R.'. W.'. EDWARD M. L. EHLEES, Grand Secretary, the annual report of the Lodges comprising the Thirty-first Masonic District for the year ending December 31, 1900.

It has been my privilege to visit nearly every Lodge in the district as your representative, and as such representative I have been most cordially received.

The District Convention was held in Geneva on November 27th and 28th, when R.'. W.'. BRO. WHITING exemplified the standard work in a very creditable and able manner. The majority of the Lodges in the district are working very close to standard work.

On the afternoon of June 6, 1900, Milnor Lodge, No. 139, laid the corner-stone of a public building in the village of Victor, M.'. W.'. WILLIAM A. SUTHERLAND, acting Grand Master.

On the afternoon of June 27, 1900, Farmerville Lodge, No. 183, laid the corner-stone of the public school in the village of Farmer, M.'. W.'. WILLIAM A. SUTHERLAND, acting Grand Master.

Permit me to say that the most notable event of the year was the presence of our Grand Master with other Grand Lodge Officers at the dedication of Dundee Lodge rooms on the evening of January 4, 1901.

Again thanking you for the honor you conferred upon me and Ark Lodge, No. 33, in selecting me for your representative, I am,

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

GEORGE S. STUBBS,

D. D. G. M., Thirty-first Masonic District.

To MR. CHARLES W. MEAD,

Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

Dear Sir and M.' W.' Brother: In conformity with the requirements of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, I have transmitted to R.' W.' EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary, report of the Lodges in the Thirty-second District for the year ending December 31, 1900.

I have, as your representative, visited all of the Lodges in the district, and no pains were spared by the brethren to make my visit welcome. I found good fellowship existing among the Craft, and an increase in membership throughout the district.

The Annual Convention for the exemplification of the standard work was held at Masonic Hall, Lyons, under the supervision of R.' W.' WILLIAM H. WHITING, Grand Lecturer, November 26th and 27th last, but owing to the very unpleasant weather at that time, the attendance was small.

I trust I have performed the duties, as your representative, to your entire satisfaction, and beg to thank you for the honor conferred upon Humanity Lodge, No. 406, and upon me.

With the highest regard and esteem for you, I am,

Courteously and fraternally yours,

GEORGE KENT,

D. D. G. M., Thirty-second Masonic District.

To MR. CHARLES W. MEAD,

Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

Dear Sir and M.' W.' Brother: Agreeable to the constitutional requirements, I have this day transmitted to R.' W.' EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary, the annual report of the Lodges comprising the Thirty-third Masonic District for the year ending December 31, 1900.

It has been my privilege and pleasure, in the performance of the official duties devolving upon me, to visit nearly every Lodge in the district during

the year, and, as your representative, I have everywhere been received with the courtesy due to your exalted position in the Craft. My official visits have been marked with a genuine Masonic welcome.

I have been accompanied, on nearly all my visits, by some of the brethren of Yonnondio Lodge, No. 163, and by many brethren of other Rochester Lodges.

I wish to acknowledge, through the Grand Lodge, the many courtesies that I have received from the brethren of Rochester and throughout the entire Thirty-third Masonic District.

My report for the year just closed shows a highly satisfactory increase in the membership of Lodges.

The activity of some of the Lodges has, indeed, been remarkable, and in most cases the material has been selected without fear or favor.

The net increase in this district for the year just ended was 395—the largest in many years—and would make an average net increase of about 15 for every Lodge in the district.

The brethren of the Thirty-third District are very enthusiastic over the proposed Masonic Temple to be located in the city of Rochester, and they look forward with great pleasure to the time when they can welcome the Grand Lodge of the State of New York to Rochester to lay the cornerstone.

The Annual Convention for the exemplification of the standard work and lectures was held in Rochester, November 7 and 8, 1900. The convention was well attended—nearly every Lodge having some representative present. At the close of the convention the seven Lodges in Rochester united in giving a complimentary dinner and reception to R. W. WILLIAM H. WHITING, Grand Lecturer, and the visiting delegates and brethren. During the reception remarks were made by M. W. WILLIAM A. SUTHERLAND; R. W. GEORGE A. BENTON, Grand Representative of Grand Lodge of the State of Maine near the Grand Lodge of the State of New York; BRO. ISAAC P. CODDINGTON, Pastor of the Universalist Church; and BRO. C. E. HAMILTON, Pastor of the First Methodist Church. The distinguished visitors all declared themselves well pleased, and each carried away some truth that embodied in his everyday life would lead him to live a better and purer life.

M. W. sir, permit me to thank you for the honor of representing you in the Thirty-third Masonic District, also for the many courtesies extended during the year.

In performing the duties of my office, I have endeavored to act faithfully and for the best interest of the Craft, and if my conduct has met with your approval, I am, indeed, rewarded.

Fraternally yours,

FREDERICK ROBINSON SMITH,
D. D. G. M., Thirty-third Masonic District.

To MR. CHARLES W. MEAD,
Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

Dear Sir and M.'. W.'. Brother: In accordance with constitutional usage, and with much satisfaction, I submit my annual report on the general condition of Masonry in the Thirty-fourth Masonic District.

It is my pleasure to state that the prosperity which our Fraternity enjoys generally, is shared by the Lodges of this district, and that no contentions have been brought to my notice by the Craft. There has been an increase in our numbers during the year ending December 31, 1900, and the returns of the eighteen Lodges composing the district show a total membership of 1,619, as compared with 1,499 the year preceding, making a net increase of 120 members.

The Annual Convention for the exemplification of the standard work and lectures was held in Masonic Hall, Corning, November 16 and 17, 1900, under the direction of R.'. W.'. WILLIAM H. WHITING, Grand Lecturer. The cordial manner and efficient methods of the Grand Lecturer excited the universal approval and endorsement of those in attendance.

In April, 1901, Morning Star Lodge, No. 65, of Canisteo, celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary. There was a large attendance of brethren and their ladies from home and abroad, and the event was a fitting observance of the years and prosperity which they enjoy.

Sentinel Lodge, No. 151, of Greenwood, which a number of months ago was entirely destroyed by fire, with little or no insurance, has again begun to work, and within a short time expects to occupy new and improved quarters. The brethren of this Lodge have shown wonderful zeal and true Masonic fortitude, as their membership reported at the last annual return was only fifteen, which, however, promises to be doubled within a short time.

In conclusion, I desire to congratulate you on the growth and prosperity of the Craft in this jurisdiction, under your guidance, and to thank you for the part assigned to me in your administration. I trust that your efforts the coming year will be crowned with even greater success than you have enjoyed the past year.

Fraternally yours,

EDWIN S. UNDERHILL,
D. D. G. M., Thirty-fourth Masonic District.

To MR. CHARLES W. MEAD,
Grand Master of Musons in the State of New York.

Dear Sir and M.'. W.'. Brother: As required by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, I have forwarded to R.'. W.'. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary, the annual report of the Lodges comprising the Thirty-fifth Masonic District for the year ending December

31, 1900. Peace, prosperity, and fraternal good feeling prevail throughout the district, and the report shows an increase in the number of Masons of twenty-nine, and all the Lodges in a healthy and prosperous condition.

The District Convention was held at Cuba, November 19th and 20th, when R. W. WILLIAM H. WHITING exemplified the standard work in a very creditable manner to the enthusiastic representatives of the several Lodges comprising the district.

Owing to business engagements it has been impossible to visit all the Lodges in the district. On all occasions I have been accorded a most hearty and cordial welcome as your representative; the Masters, Wardens, and brethren all showing intense loyalty to your administration.

Thanking you for the honor conferred upon me in making me your representative for the district, I am,

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

FRANK R. UTTER,
D. D. G. M., *Thirty-fifth Masonic District.*

To MR. CHARLES W. MEAD,
Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother: I have the honor to report that I have transmitted to R. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary, the annual statement of the condition of the Lodges within the Thirty-sixth Masonic District for the year ending December 31, 1900.

I have visited all of the Lodges within my district, and it gives me great pleasure to assure you that I have been most cordially received, as your representative, by the officers and brethren of every Lodge.

The officers of each Lodge where there has been work have shown great interest in endeavoring to follow as closely as possible the standard work, and there has been very little occasion for correction.

I thank you sincerely for the honor you conferred upon me in appointing me as your representative for the Thirty-sixth Masonic District, and I trust that my services have been satisfactory.

Very fraternally yours,

WILLIAM F. HUYCK,
D. D. G. M., *Thirty-sixth Masonic District.*

To MR. CHARLES W. MEAD,
Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother: As required by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, I have forwarded to R. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary, the report of Lodges in this Thirty-seventh District for the year 1900.

It has been my great pleasure to officially visit all but one of the Lodges in this district (was prevented at that time on account of grip), as your representative, and as such, I have been most cordially and heartily welcomed in every instance.

I am pleased to report a healthy and prosperous condition of all the Lodges in this district, and the high standing in their work attests a deep interest in the instructions received from R. W. WILLIAM H. WHITING, and the benefits derived from their attending the Annual Convention. Harmony and Masonic greetings prevail throughout the district. I have in each instance encouraged the exchange of visits among the Lodges, and it is very pleasing to note the benefits derived from such exchange of fraternal greetings. Our increase in membership is one hundred and fifteen. While the growth is not large, it is healthy, and I am sure the results will be more gratifying at the next annual report.

The convention for the exemplification of the standard work was held by R. W. WILLIAM H. WHITING, Grand Lecturer, assisted by W. BARTON KEYES, in the Lodge rooms of the Fraternity in the city of Lockport, Monday and Tuesday, December 3 and 4, 1900. The convention was largely attended, I think every Lodge in the district being represented.

The pleasing manner of the Grand Lecturer excited interest, and his ability to make all things plain, and willingness to explain fully and at length all questions, won the commendation of all present.

And while as your representative I record this prosperity of our beloved Craft in this district, I must, at the same time, mention with exceeding sorrow the loss that has befallen the Craft in the State at large, and this district in particular.

M. W. BRO. BENJAMIN FLAGLER, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons of the State of New York, died in the city of New York, October 27, 1900. His remains were brought to the city of Niagara Falls, and there laid in state in the rotunda of the International Hotel from October 29th until November 2d, when with loving hands they were borne to Lockport, thence conveyed to the rural cemetery east of the city, where, amid the scenes of his childhood and almost within sight of that home he cherished so well, they were lowered to their final resting place. And while his death is lamented by all, the Craft have the consolation of his membership, and the brethren the memories of his sweet companionship and manly worth.

Upon learning of the death of M. W. BRO. FLAGLER, I immediately repaired to his home at Niagara Falls, and there tendered, as the immediate representative of the Grand Lodge in this district, any assistance that I could afford to the family and Fraternity.

As the immediate representative of the Grand Master in this Masonic district, I desire to thank the Masters, Wardens, and brethren of the different Lodges for the uniformly courteous manner in which I have been treated.

And I desire to thank you, Most Worshipful sir, for the high honor that you have conferred in making me your representative in this district. I have endeavored, in the discharge of the duties of the office, to make myself worthy of the appreciated honor, and, congratulating you and the Fraternity upon their present prosperity and glorious possibilities, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

WILLIAM J. JACKMAN,
D. D. G. M., Thirty-seventh Masonic District.

To MR. CHARLES W. MEAD,
Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

Dear Sir and M.: W.: Brother: I have the honor to submit below a report of my official acts as your representative in the Thirty-eighth District.

Pursuant to a letter from R.: W.: WILLIAM H. WHITING, Grand Lecturer, a notice was sent to each Lodge, informing it that the annual convention for exemplification of the standard work would be held in the Masonic Hall, Buffalo, December 5 and 6, 1900. The following Lodges were not represented: Tonawanda, No. 247; Living Stone, No. 255; Fortune, No. 788.

The convention was admirably conducted by R.: W.: WILLIAM H. WHITING, and those present were greatly interested and benefited by the manner in which the work was exemplified.

In response to a petition of several brethren, a dispensation to form Highland Lodge was received by me, and complying with the directions of the Grand Secretary, I assembled the brethren on December 22, 1900, and delivered the dispensation to them in your name, and the Lodge was duly opened for business. It is with great pleasure that I am able to report that Highland Lodge has given evidence of its ability to perform excellent Masonic work, and in my opinion should receive a charter.

The Lodges of the district have all been visited and, with one exception, have been found in a flourishing condition. Their books are mostly well kept and their finances are well looked after. All have attested their loyalty to the Grand Lodge by the uniform courtesy with which they have received your representative. It gives me pleasure to report this district in a healthy and prosperous condition.

I thank you for the honor which you have conferred upon me, and beg leave to express the hope that my acts have merited your approbation.

Fraternally yours,

GEORGE C. FOX,
D. D. G. M., Thirty-eighth Masonic District.

To MR. CHARLES W. MEAD,

Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

Dear Sir and M.'. W.'. Brother: As required by the Constitution, I have forwarded to R.'. W.'. EDWARD M. L. EHLEBS, Grand Secretary, a statistical report of the condition of the Lodges in the Thirty-ninth Masonic District.

During the past year I have visited every Lodge in the district, and find all in a prosperous condition. The officers of the new Lodge at Allegany, working under dispensation, show a marked proficiency in Masonic work.

The Annual District Convention for the exemplification of the work was held at Salamanca, November 24 and 25, 1900, by R.'. W.'. WILLIAM H. WHITING, Grand Lecturer, and was well attended.

On the occasion of my visits to the several Lodges in the district, as your representative, I have been received with sincere and fraternal greeting.

Thanking you most heartily for the honor conferred in my appointment as your representative, I am,

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

SHEP. L. VIBBARD,

D. D. G. M., Thirty-ninth Masonic District.

To MR. CHARLES W. MEAD,

Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

Dear Sir and M.'. W.'. Brother: Complying with the constitutional requirements of the Grand Lodge, I have transmitted to R.'. W.'. EDWARD M. L. EHLEBS, Grand Secretary, my report of the condition of each of the Lodges in the Fortieth District for the year ending December 31, 1900.

The report, I am proud to say, shows a gratifying and substantial increase of membership in the district, as the reports of the several Lodges give a net gain of sixty-three.

As your representative, I have during the year made an official visit to each Lodge in the district, and it has been my pleasure to install the officers in the following Lodges: Olive Lodge, No. 575, at Sherman; Forest Lodge, No. 166, at Fredonia; Hanover Lodge, No. 152, at Forestville; and Summit Lodge, No. 219, at Westfield, and have been received and welcomed with that hearty and fraternal consideration which characterizes the brethren of the Fortieth District.

It is with the most profound gratitude that I recognize and acknowledge the kindness and the loyal and hearty support given me by the Masters, Wardens, and brethren of the district. I most keenly appreciate and deeply feel the weight of my obligation to them. Their untiring help and assistance have made a pleasure of every duty I have had to perform, and have left memories which I shall always cherish.

In the Lodges visited I have made careful inquiry as to their condition, and endeavored to ascertain if there was any error which I might assist in correcting. Wherever error has been found, I have not hesitated to give such advice as I have deemed proper, which has always been received in a kindly and fraternal spirit, and acted upon with benefit.

It gives me great pleasure to report that those Lodges in which there was an apparent lack of interest at the beginning of the year have responded to words of admonition and encouragement, and renewed their fealty to the Craft.

The District Convention for the exemplification of the work was held at Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 145, at Jamestown, November 23 and 24, 1900, and was eminently successful; every Lodge in the district was represented except one. Every brother in attendance at the convention was greatly benefited by the instruction so skillfully imparted by our eminent Craftsman, R.' W.' WILLIAM H. WHITING. The Grand Lecturer has proved himself a most efficient as well as a most popular officer, and his work cannot be too highly commended.

The most notable Masonic event in the district during the year was the dedication of the Masonic Hall at Jamestown, and installation of officers of Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 145, by the Grand Master, January 8, 1901, in which ceremonies I had the high honor of assisting the Grand Master. There was a large attendance from the Lodges in Chautauqua County, and your eloquent and instructive address left a lasting impression upon every Mason present.

With best wishes for your welfare and happiness, which I shall always entertain, and thanking you most heartily for the honor conferred upon me and upon Summit Lodge, No. 219, by my appointment as your representative in the Fortieth District, I remain,

Fraternally and sincerely yours,

WILLIAM H. THOMPSON,
D. D. G. M., Fortieth Masonic District.

To MR. CHARLES W. MEAD,
Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

Dear Sir and M.' W.' Brother: It is with pleasure that I report to you the excellent and progressive condition of the Craft in the Forty-first Masonic District. Twenty-three have been added to the number from December 31, 1889, to December 31, 1900, making total number of Master Masons, December 31, 1900, 563.

I have forwarded to R.' W.' EDWARD M. L. EHLERS the annual report of this district, as required by the Constitution.

Whenever I have visited the Lodges I have been accorded a most cordial welcome as your representative, and I have been pleased to see the standard work carefully followed. The convention was held in Masonic Hall,

Malone, October 5th and 6th, under the auspices of Northern Constellation Lodge, No. 291, and under the direction of R. W. W. H. WHITING. The gentlemanly and courteous manner in which he imparted instruction created a most favorable impression, and I feel that the benefits of our conventions can be seen in every Lodge that was represented, and it is the unanimous verdict that BRO. WHITING is the right man in the right place.

Finally, thanking you for the honor conferred upon myself and upon my Lodge, North Star, No. 107, in your appointment of me as your deputy, I am,

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

GEORGE W. HARRIS,
D. D. G. M., Forty-first Masonic District.

LIST OF LODGES

IN GOOD STANDING, UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE
STATE OF NEW YORK.

No.	Lodge.	District.	No.	Lodge.	District.
1	ST. JOHN'S.....	4	58	BROWNVILLE	24
2	IND. ROYAL ARCH.....	4	54	GERMAN UNION.....	9
3	MOUNT VERNON.....	17	55	GRANVILLE.....	20
4	ST. PATRICK'S.....	19	56	ST. ALBANS.....	3
5	MASTERS'.....	17	58	PHOENIX.....	17
6	ST. GEORGE'S.....	17	60	SUFFOLK.....	1
7	HUDSON.....	14	62	MANHATTAN.....	4
8	HOLLAND.....	4	63	MORTON.....	1
9	UNITY.....	14	64	LA FAYETTE.....	4
10	KINGSTON.....	15	65	MORNING STAR.....	24
11	LODGE OF ANTIQUITY.....	4	66	RICHMOND.....	11
12	TRINITY.....	9	67	MARINERS'.....	4
13	APOLLO.....	17	68	MONTGOMERY.....	4
14	TEMPLE.....	17	69	NAVAL.....	4
15	WESTERN STAR.....	26	70	JOHN HANCOCK.....	4
16	PRINCE OF ORANGE.....	4	73	LOOKPORT.....	27
17	L'UNION FRANÇAISE.....	10	75	EVENING STAR.....	17
19	FORTITUDE.....	3	79	HAMILTON.....	19
20	PIONEER.....	4	82	PHOEBUS.....	26
21	WASHINGTON.....	4	83	NEWARK.....	32
23	ST. JOHN'S.....	21	84	ARTISAN.....	19
23	ADELPHI.....	4	85	WASHINGTON.....	17
26	ALBION.....	4	86	PYTHAGORAS.....	9
27	MOUNT MORIAH.....	4	87	SCHODACK UNION.....	17
28	BENEVOLENT.....	4	90	FRANKLIN.....	21
30	DIRIGO.....	4	91	KING SOLOMON'S PRIMITIVE.....	17
31	LOTUS.....	4	93	MILITARY.....	27
32	WARREN.....	14	94	LODGE OF STRICT OBSERVANCE..	4
33	ARK.....	31	95	UNION.....	20
34	COURTLANDT.....	12	96	PHOENIX.....	20
35	HOWARD.....	4	97	RENOVATION.....	27
39	OLIVE BRANCH.....	36	98	COLUMBIA.....	14
40	OLIVE BRANCH.....	19	103	RISEING SUN.....	21
41	SYLVAN.....	30	104	LEWIS.....	24
44	EVENING STAR.....	34	105	HIRAM.....	38
45	UNION.....	33	106	MANITOU.....	4
46	HUGUENOT.....	12	107	NORTH STAR.....	41
47	UTICA.....	26	108	MILO.....	31
48	ARK.....	15	109	VALLEY.....	33
49	WATERTOWN.....	24	110	SCIPIO.....	30
50	CONCORD.....	4	111	ST. LAWRENCE.....	23
51	FIDELITY.....	30	112	STUBBEN.....	34

No.	Lodge.	District.	No.	Lodge.	District.
113	SENECA.....	31	165	BOONVILLE.....	26
114	UNION.....	31	166	FOREST.....	40
115	PHOENIX.....	33	167	SUSQUEHANNA.....	28
116	COHOES.....	17	168	MONTOUR.....	34
117	PAINTED POST.....	34	169	CLINTON.....	26
118	ADDISON UNION.....	34	171	LAFARGEVILLE.....	24
119	OASIS.....	15	172	CHAUMONT.....	24
120	HAMILTON.....	27	173	MONROE.....	33
121	GLENS FALLS.....	21	174	THERESA.....	24
122	MOUNT MORRIS.....	33	175	OXFORD.....	26
123	DUNDEE.....	31	176	MONTEZUMA.....	30
124	ST. PAUL'S.....	30	177	BINGHAMTON.....	26
126	EASTERN LIGHT.....	28	178	ATLANTIC.....	5
127	OSWEGO.....	25	179	GERMAN PILGRIM.....	9
128	OGDENSBURG.....	23	180	WESTCHESTER.....	12
129	SANGER.....	26	181	LITTLE FALLS.....	19
130	PORT BYRON.....	30	182	GERMANIA.....	9
131	MYRTLE.....	29	183	FARMERVILLE.....	31
132	NIAGARA FRONTIER.....	37	184	TURIN.....	24
134	LOWVILLE.....	24	185	INDEPENDENT.....	5
135	SACKETT'S HARBOR.....	24	187	DARCY.....	5
136	MEXICO.....	25	188	MARSH.....	2
137	ANGLO-SAXON.....	3	190	MUNN.....	5
138	OTSEGO.....	18	191	LEBANON.....	5
139	MILNOR.....	31	193	ULSTER.....	15
140	CLINTON.....	21	194	PLATT.....	5
141	CATO.....	30	195	EXCELSIOR.....	5
142	MORNING SUN.....	23	196	SOLOMON'S.....	12
143	CONCORDIA.....	38	197	YORK.....	5
144	HIRAM.....	25	198	SILENTIA.....	5
145	MOUNT MORIAH.....	40	199	HARMONY.....	9
146	WESTERN UNION.....	35	200	SINCERITY.....	31
147	WARREN.....	30	201	JOPPA.....	3
148	SULLIVAN.....	37	202	ZSCHOKKE.....	9
149	AU SABLE RIVER.....	23	203	TEMPLAR.....	5
150	SAUQUOIT.....	26	204	PALESTINE.....	5
151	SENTINEL.....	34	205	HYATT.....	2
152	HANOVER.....	40	206	EMPIRE CITY.....	5
153	FRIENDSHIP.....	29	207	UNITED STATES.....	5
154	PENFIELD UNION.....	33	208	CYRUS.....	5
155	CLINTON.....	23	209	NATIONAL.....	5
156	OCEAN.....	4	210	WORTH.....	5
157	TRUMANSBURGH.....	30	211	POCAHONTAS.....	31
158	CARTHAGE.....	24	213	RACKET RIVER.....	23
159	PULTNEYVILLE.....	32	214	GENESEO.....	33
160	SENECA RIVER.....	37	216	FRANKLIN.....	5
161	ERIE.....	38	217	GOUVERNEUR.....	23
162	SCHUYLER'S LAKE.....	13	218	HARTLAND.....	37
163	YONKONDO.....	33	219	SUMMIT.....	40
164	PHILANTHROPIC.....	26	221	CATUGA.....	30

No.	Lodge.	District.	No.	Lodge.	District.
223	ROMAN.....	26	277	HENRY CLAY.....	6
224	ORIENTAL.....	26	278	MARION.....	6
225	ALLEGANY.....	35	279	KING SOLOMON.....	9
226	ANTWERP.....	24	280	DORIC.....	6
227	EASTERN STAR.....	5	282	OTEGO UNION.....	18
229	ORIONA.....	35	283	BEACON.....	14
230	WELLSVILLE.....	35	284	BALTIC.....	2
231	CANASTOTA.....	37	285	GEORGE WASHINGTON.....	6
232	NAVIGATOR.....	9	286	MONTAUK.....	3
233	PACIFIC.....	5	287	CONTINENTAL.....	6
234	RIISING SUN.....	24	288	BROOKLYN.....	3
235	KEYSTONE.....	5	289	ST. ANDREW'S.....	16
236	PHILIPSTOWN.....	12	290	SPENCER.....	29
237	CHAMPLAIN.....	22	291	NORTHERN CONSTELLATION.....	41
238	ORIENT.....	24	292	PARISH.....	38
239	CATTARAUGUS.....	39	293	CAPE VINCENT.....	24
240	WASHINGTON.....	38	294	CANANDAIGUA.....	31
241	CONSTITUTION.....	5	295	CATARACT.....	37
243	EUREKA.....	5	296	CLAYTON.....	24
244	HOPE.....	5	297	ALEXANDRIA.....	24
245	POLAR STAR.....	5	298	FISH HOUSE.....	19
246	ARCANA.....	5	299	KESHEQUA.....	33
247	TONAWANDA.....	38	300	GAROGA.....	19
248	PALMYRA.....	32	301	IRONDEQUOIT.....	40
249	CHARTER OAK.....	5	302	NORWICH.....	28
250	JOHN D. WILLARD.....	5	303	SYLVAN.....	40
252	OLEAN.....	39	304	SCHILLER.....	9
253	OLD OAK.....	29	305	CENTRAL CITY.....	37
254	WALWORTH.....	32	306	CUBA.....	35
255	LIVING STONE.....	38	307	ELLCOTTVILLE.....	39
256	FORT BREWERTON.....	27	308	SENECA LAKE.....	31
257	MOUNT NEBOH.....	5	309	NEWBURGH.....	13
258	MACEDONIA.....	35	310	LEXINGTON.....	3
259	SISCO.....	23	311	MOUNT ZION.....	17
260	MOUNT HOPE.....	20	313	STONY POINT.....	13
261	EVANS.....	38	315	WAWAYANDA.....	13
262	PHOENIX.....	39	316	ATLAS.....	6
263	MOUNT VERNON.....	36	317	NEPTUNE.....	6
264	BARON STEUBEN.....	26	318	JOSEPH ENOS.....	35
265	SPEEDSVILLE.....	30	319	BLACK LAKE.....	23
266	POUGHKEEPSIE.....	14	320	UNION STAR.....	33
267	FORT EDWARD.....	20	321	ST. NICHOLAS.....	6
268	HERMANN.....	9	322	STAR OF BETHLEHEM.....	3
270	ONEIDA.....	27	323	AMITY.....	6
271	CHANCELLOR WALWORTH.....	5	324	FREEDOM.....	18
272	MYSTIC TIE.....	6	325	REPUBLICAN.....	25
273	METROPOLITAN.....	6	326	SALEM TOWN.....	30
274	ARCTURUS.....	6	327	ACACIA.....	6
275	SYLVAN GROVE.....	6	328	PORT JERVIS.....	13
276	MOHAWK VALLEY.....	19	330	NEW YORK.....	6

No.	Lodge.	District.	No.	Lodge.	District.
331	HORNELLVILLE.....	34	386	JORDAN.....	27
332	JEFFERSON.....	29	387	LA FRATERNIDAD.....	10
333	WESTBROOK.....	29	388	UPPER LISLE.....	28
334	CHERRY VALLEY.....	18	389	MARGARETVILLE.....	16
335	WIDOW'S SON.....	14	391	SALEM.....	20
336	MEDINA.....	37	392	SODUS.....	32
337	GREENBUSH.....	17	393	WADDINGTON.....	23
338	PUTNAM.....	6	394	COBLESKILL.....	18
339	PURITAN.....	6	395	AMBER.....	23
340	MODESTIA.....	33	396	DEPOSIT.....	28
341	CLYDE.....	32	397	IVY.....	29
342	LILY.....	6	398	HOME.....	21
343	RONDOUT.....	15	399	MAINE.....	28
345	LODI.....	31	400	VAN RENSSELAER.....	17
347	HAMPTON.....	26	402	CRESOENT.....	6
348	ADELPHIC.....	6	403	GREENPOINT.....	2
349	PECONIC.....	1	404	CONSTELLATION.....	36
350	CHEMUNG VALLEY.....	29	406	HUMANITY.....	32
351	SPRINGVILLE.....	38	407	WAVERLY.....	29
352	HOMER.....	27	408	CITY.....	6
354	PROGRESSIVE.....	2	409	COMMONWEALTH.....	3
355	JERUSALEM.....	17	410	LA CLÉMENTE AMITIÉ COSMOPOLITE.....	10
356	UNITED BROTHERS.....	9	411	CANDOR.....	29
357	CANEADEA.....	35	412	HOFFMAN.....	13
358	QUEEN CITY.....	38	413	WEST STAR.....	36
359	RANDOLPH.....	39	414	SCRIBA.....	25
360	AFTON.....	28	415	PULASKI.....	25
361	CENTRAL.....	3	416	WAYNE.....	32
362	VALATIE.....	14	417	WADSWORTH.....	17
363	EVERGREEN.....	18	418	MOAIC.....	6
364	HORSE HEADS.....	29	419	ARCADE.....	36
365	GOSHEN.....	13	420	NEW LONDON.....	26
367	CORNER STONE.....	2	421	GENOA.....	30
368	CROTON.....	12	422	FRONTIER CITY.....	25
369	CALLIMACHUS.....	25	423	HERKIMER.....	19
371	SAGAMORE.....	6	425	WARRENSBURGH.....	21
372	SANDY HILL.....	20	426	NORTHFIELD.....	33
373	LA SINCÉRITÉ.....	10	427	CASCADE.....	15
374	MONUMENTAL.....	14	428	HIGH FALLS.....	23
375	NIAGARA.....	37	429	GLOVERSVILLE.....	19
376	ONTARIO.....	37	430	STAR OF HOPE.....	2
377	RUSEVILLE.....	31	431	AUBURN.....	30
378	BIG FLATS.....	29	432	RHINEBECK.....	14
379	OAKLAND.....	36	433	FORT PLAIN.....	19
380	MURRAY.....	37	434	HIAWATHA.....	12
381	HUGUENOT.....	11	435	OTSENINGO.....	28
382	LONG ISLAND.....	3	437	WAMPONAMON.....	1
383	AURORA.....	41	438	THERMOPYLÆ AT MARATHON.....	27
384	CHERRY CREEK.....	40	439	DELHI.....	16
385	WEEDSPORT.....	30			

No.	Lodge.	District.	No.	Lodge.	District.
440	VIENNA	26	494	JEPHTHA	1
441	LODGE OF THE ANCIENT LAND- MARKS	38	496	GROTON	30
442	WINDSOR	28	497	GLENDALE	21
444	SHERBURNE	28	498	DE MOLAY	38
445	CASSIA	2	499	DEER RIVER	23
446	OLTMAN'S	2	500	HERMON	23
447	FRANKLIN	6	501	SYRACUSE	27
449	HIRAM	6	504	MONTGOMERY	21
450	RISING STAR	12	505	NORTHERN LIGHT	22
451	DELTA	3	506	RODMAN	24
452	ANCIENT CITY	17	507	GENESEE FALLS	38
453	CLINTON	2	508	HERSCHEL	20
454	KANE	6	509	LINDENWALD	14
455	NEWPORT	19	510	LIBERTY	34
456	SENATE	21	511	KINGS COUNTY	3
457	HARLEM	7	512	HUMBOLDT	9
458	SHEKOMEKO	14	513	MASSENA	23
459	URBANA	34	514	ZION	38
461	YEW TREE	2	515	BUTTERNUTS	18
462	ATTICA	36	516	PARK	7
463	LAMOKA	29	517	FRONTIER	41
464	DOWNSVILLE	16	519	ARCHITECT	7
466	ONEONTA	18	520	SALT SPRINGS	27
467	GREENWICH	7	521	CALLICOON	16
468	CATSKILL	15	522	SKANEATELES	27
470	CORTLANDVILLE	27	523	NORMAL	7
471	TOMPKINS	11	524	MORNING STAR	27
472	DRYDEN	30	525	LIVERPOOL	27
473	WHITE PLAINS	12	526	HENRIETTA	38
474	BELMONT	35	527	AKRON	38
475	BATAVIA	36	528	MONITOR	7
476	FAIRPORT	33	529	MOUNTAIN	15
477	WILDWOOD	23	531	FULTONVILLE	19
478	DANSVILLE	34	532	MONTICELLO	16
479	ETOLIAN	33	533	ROUND HILL	28
480	WEBOTUCK	14	534	TIOGA	29
481	CAMBRIDGE VALLEY	20	535	AMERICUS	7
482	RICHFIELD SPRINGS	18	536	NASSAU	3
483	ZEREDATHA	3	537	GRAMERCY	7
484	COLUMBIAN	7	538	WEBSTER	38
485	STELLA	3	539	FAYETTE	31
486	IONIC	7	540	HILL GROVE	2
487	TECUMSEH	7	541	BRASHER	23
488	CORINTHIAN	7	542	GARIBALDI	10
489	MANAHATTA	7	543	TRILUMINAR	36
490	PYRAMID	7	544	WARWICK	13
491	SCHOHARIE VALLEY	18	545	COPERNICUS	9
492	WYOMING	7	546	JAMAICA	1
493	SOUTH SIDE	1	547	CAMERON MILLS	34
			548	LAURENS	18

No.	Lodge.	District.	No.	Lodge.	District.
549	WARSAW.....	36	600	EVANGELIST.....	7
550	HANNIBAL.....	25	601	ALTAIR.....	3
551	RANSOMVILLE.....	37	602	ADIRONDAOK.....	22
552	HANCOCK.....	16	603	ASTOR.....	7
553	FARMERS'.....	18	604	PERFECT ASHLAR.....	7
554	WORKING.....	18	605	TENUDERRAH.....	18
555	DIAMOND.....	12	606	MASONVILLE.....	16
556	NORTH BANGOR.....	41	607	HUDSON RIVER.....	13
557	JAMES M. AUSTIN.....	15	608	LESSING.....	9
558	ANDOVER.....	35	610	IVANHOE.....	7
559	WALTON.....	16	611	ST. JOHNSVILLE.....	19
560	WOLCOTT.....	32	612	HILLSDALE.....	14
561	DELAWARE.....	16	613	CLEVELAND.....	25
562	FRANKLIN.....	16	614	NEWARK VALLEY.....	29
563	CORNUCOPIA.....	1	615	STISSING.....	14
564	SANDY CREEK.....	25	616	CAZENOVIA.....	27
565	GUIDING STAR.....	7	617	TEUTONIA.....	9
566	RUSSELL.....	23	618	TYRIAN.....	2
567	ARGYLE.....	20	619	EAGLE.....	31
568	ST. CECILE.....	7	620	CLINTON F. PAIGE.....	39
569	GREENWOOD.....	3	623	CENTRAL SQUARE.....	25
570	AVON SPRINGS.....	33	624	SHARON SPRINGS.....	18
571	CŒUR DE LION.....	16	625	FRATERNAL.....	33
572	MOUNT HERMON.....	22	626	FRANKLINVILLE.....	39
573	DEPEYSTER.....	23	627	WALLKILL.....	13
574	BEDFORD.....	3	628	CITIZENS'.....	7
575	OLIVE.....	40	629	GOETHE.....	9
576	FESSLER.....	9	630	GILBOA.....	13
577	ELK.....	23	631	GIRARD.....	7
578	FAYETTEVILLE.....	27	633	RICHVILLE.....	23
579	PORTVILLE.....	39	634	SCOTIA.....	7
580	GLEN COVE.....	1	635	ADVANCE.....	1
581	WINFIELD.....	19	636	MANUAL.....	2
582	WAWARSING.....	15	637	RISEING LIGHT.....	24
583	PRATTSBURGH.....	34	638	CRYSTAL WAVE.....	3
584	ASHLAR.....	20	639	SOMERSET.....	37
585	COSMOPOLITAN.....	3	640	ADYTUM.....	3
586	ISLAND CITY.....	1	641	COPESTONE.....	7
587	AHWAGA.....	29	642	KNICKERBOCKER.....	8
588	GLOBE.....	7	643	DANIEL CARPENTER.....	8
589	RAMAPO.....	13	645	RIVERHEAD.....	1
590	ROSE.....	32	646	RED JACKET.....	37
591	ILION.....	19	647	MISTLETOE.....	3
592	SCHENEVUS VALLEY.....	18	648	CENTREVILLE.....	27
594	ALDEN.....	38	649	MCCLELLAN.....	34
595	SOCRATES.....	9	650	AMBOY.....	25
596	HOPEWELL.....	14	651	TRUE CRAFTSMAN'S.....	8
597	WESTERN LIGHT.....	28	653	MAMARO.....	12
598	TABERNACLE.....	7	654	EMANUEL.....	8
599	KENNYETTO.....	19	655	BUNTING.....	8

No.	Lodge.	District.	No.	Lodge.	District.
656	EUCLID	2	710	RIDGEWOOD.....	2
657	LIVINGSTON	8	711	STANDARD	13
658	MORRISVILLE	27	712	PELHAM.....	8
659	SOUTH OTSELIC.....	28	713	SOCIAL.....	37
660	ROCHESTER	33	714	WIELAND.....	9
661	BEETHOVEN	9	715	IROQUOIS.....	22
662	CAMBRIDGE	3	716	HOBASCO.....	30
663	MIDDLEBURGH	18	717	ORION.....	3
664	AMICABLE.....	26	718	ADONAI.....	15
665	MACEDON	32	719	ACANTHUS	3
666	DOVER.....	14	720	PISGAH.....	24
667	CHURCHVILLE.....	33	721	JERUSALEM TEMPLE.....	13
669	PORT LEYDEN.....	24	722	GERMANIA OF ROCHESTER.....	33
670	STAR	17	723	ROCKLAND.....	13
671	WAPPINGER'S	14	724	ANCIENT.....	8
672	AMENIA.....	14	725	SOUTHERN LIGHT.....	29
673	AVOCA.....	34	726	CAUTIOUS.....	27
674	GRATITUDE	17	727	CHARITY.....	8
675	YATES	37	728	ALMA.....	8
676	SCHUYLER	21	729	ANCHOR	1
677	REMSSEN.....	26	730	NEW HOPE.....	17
678	SEAWANHAKA	2	731	SUNNY SIDE.....	17
679	ÆONIAN	25	732	EZEL.....	3
680	VICTOR.....	17	733	BETHEL.....	8
681	CAROLINE.....	30	734	VERITAS	8
682	NUNDA STATION.....	33	735	UHLAND	9
684	BERNE	17	736	NEPPERHAN	12
687	OSWEGATCHIE.....	23	737	GUTTENBURG.....	17
688	DEPAUVILLE	24	738	MIZPAH.....	1
689	WHAT CHEER.....	23	739	RADIANT.....	8
690	REPUBLIC.....	8	740	ALLEMANIA	9
691	MERIDIAN.....	1	741	SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP.....	15
692	DE RUTTER.....	27	742	STAR OF CUBA.....	8
693	KEDEMAH.....	15	743	MAIMONIDES	8
694	BLAZING STAR.....	38	744	PENTALPHA.....	8
695	ALCYONE	1	745	STUYVESANT	8
696	PEACOCK.....	40	746	ROOME.....	8
697	FAXTON.....	26	747	SANCTORUM	3
698	HERDER	9	748	LINCOLN.....	9
699	HARMONIE	38	749	FELLOWSHIP	23
700	AQUILA	14	750	SHAKESPEARE	8
701	BEACON LIGHT.....	11	751	LA UNIVERSAL.....	10
702	MARBLE.....	12	752	NAPHTHALI	8
703	GAVEL.....	8	753	JUSTICE.....	8
704	TUSCAN.....	2	754	NOAH.....	17
705	ACACIAN.....	23	755	SAVONA.....	34
706	CINCINNATUS.....	27	756	AURORA GRATA	3
707	MOUNT HOREB.....	22	757	SILVER.....	40
708	KISCO.....	12	758	COVENANT.....	3
709	MERCHANTS'	2	759	OATKA.....	33

No.	Lodge.	District.	No.	Lodge.	District.
760	KLOPSTOCK	11	800	APAWAMIS	12
761	MAPLE GROVE	35	801	SIDNEY	16
763	CENTENNIAL	8	802	ONONDAGA	27
764	SAVANNAH	32	803	KEDRON	8
765	VON MENSCH	9	804	ONESQUETHAU	17
766	OCCIDENTAL	38	805	CORINTHIAN TEMPLE	33
767	DUNKIRK	40	806	MATINECOCK	1
768	SAPPHIRE	27	807	MOUNT TABOR	15
769	ANTHON	2	808	OLYMPIA	1
770	GOLDEN RULE	8	809	URIEL	26
771	OLON	9	810	URANIA	39
772	RESCUE	22	811	BEEHAN	39
774	LANSING	30	812	ARION	39
775	MOUNT LEBANON	29	813	HEBRON	8
776	RELLANCE	2	814	SCONONDOA	26
777	RESTORATION	34	815	JOHN HODGE	31
778	LIVONIA	33	816	MONGAUP	16
779	CLIO	33	817	STERLING	2
780	HENRY RENNER	39	818	MELROSE	35
781	CANASERAGA	35	819	COMPOSITE	8
782	TRIUNE	14	820	ONDAWA	21
784	KING HIRAM	30	821	BETHANY	24
785	NIAGARA RIVER	37	822	MASSAPEQUA	1
786	ITALIA	10	823	DEFEW	38
787	GASPORT	37	824	MAZZINI	10
788	FORTUNE	38	825	KILWINNING	2
789	WHITE FACE MOUNTAIN	41	826	SUTHERLAND	37
790	TAHAWUS	23	827	HARLEM VALLEY	14
791	LIVINGSTON MANOR	16	828	PLATTSBURGH	23
792	MINERVA	3	829	WELCOME	19
793	BABYLON	1	830	EUNICE	33
794	MOUNT DEFIANCE	22	831	JAMES TEN EYOK	17
795	WHITNEY'S POINT	28	832	HALCYON	14
796	DOLGEVILLE	19	833	ADONIRAM	39
797	FRANK R. LAWRENCE	33	834	LAKE PLACID	22
798	DAY STAR	3	835	HIGHLAND	38
799	ORISKANY	26			

LIST OF LODGES, ARRANGED BY DISTRICTS, WITH LOCATION, TIME OF MEETING, NAME OF
MASTER AND SECRETARY, AND NUMBER OF MASTER MASONS IN EACH LODGE.
MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 1.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
60	Suffolk.....	Port Jefferson.....	Suffolk.....	Geo. W. Rowland.....	Thomas H. Saxton.....	Thursdays.....	117
63	Morton.....	Hempstead.....	Nassau.....	Walter N. De Nyse.....	George W. Terry.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	156
349	Peconic.....	Greenport.....	Suffolk.....	Edwin D. Tuttili.....	Lewellen F. Terry.....	Wednesdays.....	150
437	Wampanamont.....	Sag Harbor.....	".....	Arthur T. Brown.....	Thomas W. Lister.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	136
493	South Side.....	Patchogue.....	".....	Samuel T. Ferguson.....	Lemuel B. Green.....	Mond'ys, except June, July & August.....	175
494	Jephtha.....	Huntington.....	".....	Charles H. Walters.....	Edgar P. Bunce.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	94
546	Jamaica.....	Jamaica.....	Queens.....	Frank E. Hopkins.....	Fred. J. Moore.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays.....	145
563	Cornucopia.....	Flushing.....	".....	Sanford S. Gowdey.....	L. Sidney Valentine.....	Wednesdays.....	186
580	Glen Cove.....	Glen Cove.....	Nassau.....	R. Frank Bowne.....	Charles J. Baldwin.....	Thursdays.....	110
586	Island City.....	Long Island City.....	Queens.....	Frank E. Hafl.....	J. Robert Laws.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	158
635	Advance.....	Astoria, L. I. City.....	".....	James Grayson.....	Henry D. Ing.....	Sept. 1 to Nov. 1, 1st & 2d Tuesdays; Nov. 1 to Apr. 1, every Tuesday; April 1 to June 15, 1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	97
645	Riverhead.....	Riverhead.....	Suffolk.....	Usher B. Howell.....	George T. Reeve.....	1st, 3d & 5th Saturdays.....	181
691	Meridian.....	Islip.....	".....	Matthew I. Hunt.....	Harry P. Hafl.....	Mondays.....	108
695	Alcyone.....	Northport.....	".....	Henry H. Van Dyck.....	Wm. A. Strawson.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	106
729	Anchor.....	College Point.....	Queens.....	Henry I. Delemain.....	Henry L. Partenfelder.....	Tuesdays.....	50
738	Mizpah.....	Elmhurst.....	".....	Henry Shileon.....	Abel Powell.....	2d & 4th Thursdays.....	109
763	Babylon.....	Babylon.....	Suffolk.....	Charles Searle.....	Simon W. Cooper.....	Wednesdays.....	84
806	Matinecock.....	Oyster Bay.....	Nassau.....	Theodore A. Swan.....	Walter Franklin.....	Wednesdays.....	104
808	Olympia.....	Far Rockaway.....	Queens.....	Sanford J. Ellsworth.....	Harry G. Heyson.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	122
822	Massapequa.....	Rockville Center.....	Nassau.....	William H. Holdsworth.....	William J. Carr.....	1st, 3d & 5th Saturdays.....	82
Total.....							2,468

FRANK E. HAFF, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 2.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
188	Marab.	1252 Bedford Ave.	Kings.	Alfred E. Everdell.	Henry Hahn.	1st, 3d & 5th Thursdays	168
205	Hyatt.	Bedford Ave. & Madison St.	"	Lawrence Coffin.	Charles F. Lamy.	2d & 4th Fridays.	254
284	Baltic.	1252 Bedford Ave.	"	Wm. H. Woodcock.	Herman Ranken.	2d & 4th Mondays.	157
354	Progressive.	Gates & Nostrand Aves.	"	Herbert J. Knapp.	Charles E. Marr.	1st & 3d Mondays.	114
367	Corner Stone.	Grand & Havemeyer Sts.	"	Charles W. Labdon.	Charles W. Carpenter.	Every Wednesday.	359
408	Greenpoint.	Manhattan & Meserole Aves.	"	Edgar H. Hazlewood.	Robert F. Quailie.	Every Thursday.	802
430	Star of Hope.	Broadway & Boerum St.	"	Henry Bersau, Jr.	Edward L. Walter.	1st, 3d & 5th Mondays.	249
445	Cassia.	"	"	Charles Doman.	Frank H. Sawtell.	1st, 3d & 4th Thursdays.	226
446	Olmans.	"	"	Louis Keller.	John J. Wolf.	2d & 4th Fridays.	185
453	Clinton.	Gates & Nostrand Aves.	"	Amos J. Nimmo.	Charles B. Valentine.	1st & 3d Fridays.	224
461	Yew Tree.	1082 Gates Ave.	"	Ira O. Tracy.	John Watkins.	1st, 3d & 5th Wed'days.	75
540	Hill Grove.	1252 Bedford Ave.	"	David F. Moore.	W. M. Robinson.	1st, 3d & 5th Mondays.	218
618	Tyrian.	Liberty & Wyona Aves.	"	Henry Kahler.	Fred. W. Hancock.	2d & 4th Wednesdays.	255
636	Manual.	Gates & Nostrand Aves.	"	George E. England.	William Miller.	1st, 3d & 5th Tuesdays.	201
656	Euclid.	1080 Gates Ave.	"	Nathan S. Jonas.	Revillo Wells.	2d & 4th Wednesdays.	195
678	Seawanhaka.	Manhattan & Meserole Aves.	"	Chauncey M. Bennett.	Franklin H. Giblett.	2d & 4th Mondays.	140
704	Tuscan.	1252 Bedford Ave.	"	Joseph Marling.	Christian Sipp.	1st, 3d & 5th Wed'days.	142
709	Merchants.	Graham Ave. & Broadway.	"	Bernard A. Matachke.	Adam Maue.	1st & 3d Thursdays.	161
710	Ridgewood.	1080 Gates Ave.	"	Harry H. Gould.	Peter Van Cott.	Every Thursday.	256
768	Anthion.	897 Gates Ave.	"	Henry H. Celler.	William B. Maas.	1st & 3d Mondays.	126
776	Reliance.	Manhattan & Meserole Aves.	"	Frank E. Krueger.	James H. Merkle.	1st & 3d Tuesdays.	189
817	Sterling.	Rold & Gates Aves.	"	Abram J. Piddan.	Alfred L. Cowles.	1st, 3d & 5th Wed'days.	73
825	Kilwinning.	1252 Bedford Ave.	"	Alexander S. Cook.	Thomas J. Scott.	2d & 4th Thursdays.	102
Total.							4,826

PHILIP HERRSCHAFT, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 3.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
19	Fortitude	200 Jorammon St.	Kings.	Martin Miller.	Charles R. Phillips.	1st, 3d & 5th Thursdays.	206
56	St. Albans	44 Schermerhorn St.	"	Charles E. Lane.	Edward J. Salzbury.	1st & 3d Thursdays.	163
137	Anglo-Saxon	Bedford Av. & Madis'n St.	"	George Freifeid.	George F. Fagan.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.	260
201	Joppa	200 Jorammon St.	"	Samuel H. Holmes.	William H. Riley.	Every Wednesday.	346
288	Montauk	153 Pierrepont St.	"	Wm. F. Campbell.	Edward P. Thomas.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.	212
288	Brooklyn	44 Schermerhorn St.	"	William F. Wenisch.	Alex. Thomson.	1st & 4th Fridays.	207
310	Lexington	153 Pierrepont St.	"	Andrew G. Cooper.	Charles L. Stator.	2d & 4th Mondays.	162
322	Star of Bethlehem	200 Jorammon St.	"	J. Joseph Rosabottom.	John C. Mullins.	1st & 3d Fridays.	105
361	Central	"	"	Arthur S. Wildigs.	J. H. Burley.	2d & 4th Tuesdays.	108
382	Long Island	153 Pierrepont St.	"	Valentine Zahn.	Charles L. Clark.	2d & 3d Thursdays.	190
409	Commonwealth	"	"	Samuel Crook.	E. J. Campbell.	Every Tuesday.	515
451	Delta	200 Jorammon St.	"	Ira M. Cornwall.	Edwin Schofield.	1st, 3d & 5th Tuesdays.	131
483	Zeredatha	44 Schermerhorn St.	"	Chas. Friedenberg, Jr.	William M. Rome.	Every Monday.	252
435	Stella	14 Nevins St.	"	John H. K. Green.	Alfred B. Montgomery.	2d & 4th Thursdays.	197
511	Kings County	824 Flatbush Ave.	"	David Morris Kuriz.	T. Morris Terry.	2d & 4th Wednesdays.	152
536	Nassau	200 Jorammon St.	"	James Divitch.	Wm. A. Dwinell.	2d & 4th Thursdays.	106
569	Greenwood	7th Ave. & 9th St.	"	John D. Goodwin.	John Miller.	1st & 3d Thursdays.	192
574	Bedford	Bedford Av. & Madis'n St.	"	George H. Packer.	Geo. F. Churchill.	1st & 3d Thursdays.	177
585	Cosmopolitan	315 Washington St.	"	Edward W. Reynolds.	Alfred W. Slough.	1st, 3d & 5th Tuesdays.	163
601	Altair	Bedford Av. & Madis'n St.	"	Rufus L. Scott, Jr.	Henry C. Aubrey.	1st & 3d Tuesdays.	198
638	Crystal Wave	315 Washington St.	"	Franklin J. Spaulding.	Henry Edebohla.	1st, 3d & 5th Mondays.	181
640	Adytum	44 Schermerhorn St.	"	Edward O'Neil, Jr.	R. W. Gunzenhauser.	1st, 3d & 5th Tuesdays.	157
647	Mistletoe	153 Pierrepont St.	"	Richard E. Shaw.	Thos. G. Singleton.	2d & 4th Tuesdays.	166
662	Cambridge	200 Jorammon St.	"	James F. Weales.	John K. Van Sise.	2d, 4th & 5th Mondays.	107
717	Orion	14 Nevins St.	"	Alexander Gardner.	Charles Delapierre.	1st, 3d & 5th Tuesdays.	388
719	Acanthus	Bedford Av. & Madis'n St.	"	H. Grant Buswell.	William Bower.	1st & 3d Mondays.	389
732	Ezel	153 Pierrepont St.	"	James A. Doyle.	Joseph Williams.	2d & 4th Thursdays.	136
747	Sanctorum	Union & Court Sts.	"	Nathan Solomon.	Henry Maginniss.	Every Friday.	149
758	Aurora Grata	Bedford Av. & Madis'n St.	"	Edgar P. Rice.	William H. Clark.	2d & 4th Tuesdays.	156
758	Covenant	44 Schermerhorn St.	"	John Keating.	Edgar D. Davis.	2d & 4th Mondays.	125
792	Minerva	7th Ave. & 9th St.	"	Samuel Smith.	John T. Whitehead.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.	225
798	Day Star	3d Ave. & 54th St.	"	James Bower, Jr.	James Bower.	2d & 4th Wednesdays.	177
808	Kedron	Bath Beach	"	Allan McLain Rodgers.	Josiah W. Perkins.	1st, 3d & 5th Tuesdays.	169
Total.							6,387

WILMON WHILLDIN, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 4

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
1	St. John's.....	Masonic Hall.....	New York	Edward J. Shipsey...	Alexander R. Corbet...	2d & 4th Thursdays...	168
2	Indep't Royal Arch...	" " " " " " " "	"	Wm. A. Pothier.....	C. E. Thompson.....	1st & 3d Thursdays...	110
8	Holland.....	" " " " " " " "	"	Chester C. Munroe...	Joshua W. Crosby...	2d & 4th Tuesdays...	177
11	Antiquity.....	" " " " " " " "	"	Ernest B. Latham...	James H. Porter.....	2d & 4th Thursdays...	100
16	Prince of Orange.....	" " " " " " " "	"	Chas. H. Walker.....	Frederick W. Culler...	1st & 3d Saturdays...	54
20	Pioneer.....	" " " " " " " "	"	Louis W. Duesing...	Samuel B. Wheeler...	2d & 4th Fridays...	185
21	Washington.....	Grand Opera House.	"	Chas. A. Alden.....	Frank Wood.....	1st, 3d & 5th Fridays...	130
23	Adelphi.....	Masonic Hall.....	"	Irving Wortman....	Benjamin Raphael...	1st & 3d Tuesdays...	317
26	Albion.....	" " " " " " " "	"	Walter C. Deyo.....	Alfred S. Pettit....	2d & 4th Mondays...	176
27	Mt. Moriah.....	155 E. 58th St....	"	Bernard Lippman...	Morris Goldsmith...	1st & 3d Mondays...	120
28	Benevolent.....	Masonic Hall.....	"	Enoch H. Currier...	George A. Elwood...	2d & 4th Wednesdays...	152
30	Dirigo.....	" " " " " " " "	"	Chas. S. Ettinger...	Julius Blumenbach...	2d & 4th Mondays...	308
31	Lotus.....	" " " " " " " "	"	Ross Hollister.....	Frank D. Marebach...	1st & 3d Thursdays...	104
35	Howard.....	" " " " " " " "	"	Wm. H. Griffin.....	F. A. Winehill.....	2d & 4th Fridays...	109
50	Concord.....	Grand Opera House.	"	Thos. Wohlson.....	William C. Solis....	1st & 3d Mondays...	124
62	Manhattan.....	Masonic Hall.....	"	Harold Varcoe.....	Samuel R. Finney...	1st & 3d Fridays...	217
64	La Fayette.....	" " " " " " " "	"	Charles E. Abbott...	John B. Taylor.....	2d & 4th Mondays...	179
67	Mariners'.....	" " " " " " " "	"	Edwin N. Whitfield	Arthur T. Billings...	1st & 3d Wednesdays...	100
68	Montgomery.....	" " " " " " " "	"	Franklin E. Morse...	William Ord.....	1st & 3d Mondays...	234
69	Naval.....	" " " " " " " "	"	John A. Kershaw...	Samuel Garrett....	2d & 4th Wednesdays...	160
70	John Hancock.....	" " " " " " " "	"	Chas. Helnitz.....	Morris Hirsch.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays...	140
94	Strict Observance...	202 East 124th Street	"	Levi Gibb.....	George Ran.....	2d & 4th Fridays...	110
106	Manitou.....	Masonic Hall.....	"	George G. Freer.....	Frank B. Guest.....	2d & 4th Mondays...	109
156	Ocean.....	Grand Opera House.	"	Samuel Loew.....	George W. Stevens...	2d & 4th Thursdays...	145

Total..... 8,728

HENRY I. COLMAN, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 6.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
272	Mythic Tie.....	Masonic Hall.....	New York.	E. A. Denechaud.....	Charles C. Webb.....	2d & 4th Fridays.....	73
273	Metropolitan.....	"	"	Paul G. Burton.....	John B. Russell.....	2d & 4th Thursdays..	146
274	Arcurus.....	59 St. & Madison Av	"	Frederick J. Sutton...	John J. Becker.....	1st & 3d Thursdays..	93
275	Sylvan Grove.....	Grand Opera House.	"	William L. Leishman...	Edgar Kirby.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays..	98
277	Henry Clay.....	Masonic Hall.....	"	Edward Williams.....	Carl A. E. T. Wille...	2d & 4th Fridays.....	95
278	Marion.....	Tremont & 3d Aves.	"	Frank Walker.....	Thomas D. Dinwoodie..	1st & 3d Mondays.....	83
280	Doric.....	Masonic Hall.....	"	Theodore H. Roxbury..	B. G. Bean.....	2d & 4th Fridays.....	127
285	George Washington	"	"	George R. Speed.....	Jared A. Timpeon.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	126
287	Continental.....	"	"	Arthur B. Cornwall.....	Peter J. Bogert.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays..	185
316	Atlas.....	"	"	Wm. F. H. Koelsch....	Frederick E. Wood....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	111
317	Neptune.....	Grand Opera House.	"	Charles S. Hayward....	Francis J. Hale.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays..	89
321	St. Nicholas.....	Masonic Hall.....	"	Gustave Weinberg....	Harry R. Denmead....	1st & 3d Wednesdays..	189
328	Amity.....	"	"	Albert M. Shulte.....	Peter J. Ferrier.....	2d & 4th Thursdays..	97
327	Acacia.....	"	"	John A. Henderson....	Frank L. Tallman.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	98
330	New York.....	"	"	Charles F. Parsons....	Geo. W. Anderson....	2d & 4th Thursdays..	281
338	Putnam.....	"	"	Joseph H. Banks.....	Francis W. Judge.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	160
339	Puritan.....	"	"	Wm. H. Stafford.....	Frank R. McMillan....	1st & 3d Wednesdays..	155
342	Lily.....	534 Willis Ave.....	"	William F. Rutherford..	Fred H. Wefer.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	166
348	Adelphic.....	Masonic Hall.....	"	Samuel H. Hopper.....	Alfred E. Hassall....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	107
371	Sagamore.....	"	"	Arnold F. Wainwright..	F. Winalow Tuttle....	1st & 3d Wednesdays..	197
402	Crescent.....	"	"	Ludwig F. Thoma.....	James H. Bailey.....	2d & 4th Thursdays..	333
408	City.....	"	"	W. G. Kammerer.....	Joseph G. Miller.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	167
418	Mosaic.....	"	"	Herman J. Katz.....	Oscar M. Reed.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays..	168
447	Franklin.....	"	"	Charles Schneider.....	Louis C. Mosse.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	193
449	Hiram.....	"	"	Charles G. Koss.....	Henry Massey.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	87
454	Kane.....	"	"		Henry W. Penoyer....	1st, 3d & 5th Tuesdays	464

Total..... 4,011

CHARLES S. CRISP, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 7.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
457	Harlem.....	124th St. & 3d Ave.	New York.	Fred'k M. Gallagher.	Robert Ogilvy.....	Every Thursday.....	287
467	Greenwich.....	Masonic Hall.....	"	Robert McCord.....	Andrew Merz.....	2d & 4th Fridays.....	207
484	Columbian.....	220 East 15th St.	"	Gustav Gottschall.....	John H. Bierwirth.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	224
486	Ionian.....	" " "	"	Henry R. Dann.....	Herman Stark.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	83
487	Tecumseh.....	Masonic Hall.....	"	John Gunn.....	Frederick E. Davis.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	121
488	Corinthian.....	" " "	"	George E. McNeillie.....	George F. Thornton.....	2d & 4th Thursdays.....	221
489	Manhattan.....	147 East 125th St.	"	Charles W. Spiegel.....	Silas Black.....	2d & 4th Thursdays.....	109
490	Pyramid.....	Masonic Hall.....	"	Dana B. Pratt.....	Charles H. Baldwin.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	888
492	Wyoming.....	Westchester.....	"	Henry W. Burdend.....	William T. Ferreira.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	117
516	Park.....	300 West 58th St.	"	Robert Gibson.....	Horatio Sands.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	319
519	Architect.....	155 E. 58th St.	"	A. W. Williams.....	Agil H. Cantor.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	209
523	Normal.....	Masonic Hall.....	"	Donald Gow.....	Walter J. Van Dlen.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	108
528	Monitor.....	" " "	"	J. Orr Kyle.....	David J. Barnett.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	179
535	Americus.....	" " "	"	Robert A. Miller.....	Charles W. Hayward.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	174
537	Gramercy.....	" " "	"	C. Ernst Eickhoff.....	James E. Gritman.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	175
535	Guiding Star.....	719 Tremont Ave.	"	John Osborn.....	Arthur de Wilde.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	127
508	St. Cecilia.....	Masonic Hall.....	"	Theodore Thiele.....	Henry W. Roe.....	1st, 3d & 5th Tues., 1.30 P.M.	898
588	Globe.....	" " "	"	William E. Junker.....	A. J. Heinrich.....	2d & 4th Saturdays.....	52
598	Tabernacle.....	Grand Opera House.	"	John T. Loughery.....	Daniel R. Woollett.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	81
600	Evangelist.....	Masonic Hall.....	"	Arthur F. Elfe.....	John B. Liddle.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	104
603	Astor.....	" " "	"	John Robt. Johnston.....	John Thompson.....	2d & 4th Thursdays.....	120
604	Perfect Ashlar.....	155 E. 58th St.	"	Edward Mandel.....	Nathan Unger.....	2d & 4th Thursdays.....	191
610	Ivanhoe.....	Masonic Hall.....	"	Wm. Ota Fredenburg.....	Allan Williams.....	2d & 4th Thursdays.....	87
628	Citizens'.....	" " "	"	James McMorris.....	Wash. M. Postley.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	104
631	Girard.....	" " "	"	Samuel Lisberger.....	Willard D. Bass.....	2d & 4th Saturdays.....	89
634	Scotia.....	" " "	"	Samuel J. McDonald.....	Samuel C. Martin.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	287
641	Copelstone.....	" " "	"	Chas. R. Southerland.....	Harry T. Gibson.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays.....	263
Total.....							4,587
WILLIAM E. WILKINSON, D. D. O. M.							

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 8.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
642	Knickerbocker..	Masonic Hall.	New York..	John Corell.....	Harry Schoen.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays....	122
643	DanielCarpenter	"	"	Chas. H. Grube.....	Harry R. Williams....	2d & 4th Saturdays....	164
651	True Craftsman	155 East 58th St....	"	S. Herbert Wolfe....	Sim. M. Lion.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays..	253
654	Emanuel.....	Masonic Hall.....	"	Jacob Lowry.....	Nathan Cohen.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays..	191
655	Bunting.....	142 West 125th St..	"	Charles Caldwell....	Ten Eyck W. Rouse....	1st, 3d & 5th Mondays..	108
657	Livingston.....	Masonic Hall.....	"	James Bailey.....	George L. Weber.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	147
660	Republic.....	"	"	Clarence H. Sandford.	William H. Thomas....	1st & 3d Saturdays....	228
703	Gavel.....	Willis Ave. & 148th St.	"	Fred B. Wiegand....	Albert W. Briggs.....	1st, 3d & 5th Fridays..	190
713	Pelham.....	City Island.....	"	James B. Prout.....	Jerome Bell.....	Every Tuesday.....	58
724	Ancient.....	Masonic Hall.....	"	John H. Love, Jr....	Stephen B. Wheeler....	2d & 4th Thursdays..	251
727	Charity.....	300 West 58th St...	"	Charles S. Erb.....	David Taylor.....	1st, 3d & 5th Fridays..	200
728	Alma.....	155 East 58th St...	"	Richard W. Hawkey..	Bernard W. Hough....	2d & 4th Thursdays..	102
733	Bethel.....	Masonic Hall.....	"	Alexander Connell..	William F. Malloch....	1st & 3d Saturdays....	97
734	Vertas.....	"	"	Edward A. Solky.....	John C. Koopman.....	2d & 4th Saturdays....	118
739	Radiant.....	Lexing'n Opera House	"	Charles A. Heller....	Wm. R. A. Koehl.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays....	126
742	Star of Cuba....	Grand Opera House..	"	Wm. L. Van R. Reynolds.	Henry H. Atwater....	1st & 3d Mondays....	74
743	Maimonides....	Musonic Hall.....	"	Maurice Bette.....	Henry H. Guttman....	2d & 4th Wednesdays..	273
744	Pentalpha.....	300 West 58th St...	"	Robert M. Bingham..	Wm. R. Bartley.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays....	118
745	Stuyvesant.....	Masonic Hall.....	"	John C. Wilkie.....	Isaac Wood.....	1st & 3d Saturdays....	125
746	Roome.....	"	"	Charles T. Lunt.....	James Belknap.....	2d & 4th Saturdays....	120
750	Shakespeare...	"	"	William Goldsticker..	Joseph Rothschild....	1st & 3d Thursdays....	230
752	Naphthall.....	142 West 125th St...	"	Joseph W. Dugliss...	Fred Rohrs.....	1st & 3d Thursdays....	81
753	Justice.....	Grand Opera House..	"	Edward P. Howard....	Henry Anderson.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays..	111
763	Centennial.....	Masonic Hall.....	"	Leo. P. Ulmaun.....	Emanuel Marx.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays....	405
770	Golden Rule....	145 East 125th St...	"	Daniel E. Ryan.....	Wm. H. Palles.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays..	168
813	Hebron.....	Williamsbridge.....	"	Samuel C. Cockburn..	John G. Freeman.....	2d & 4th Thursdays..	87
819	Composite.....	155 East 58th St...	"	Maurice Swartz.....	Thomas Codey.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays....	129
Total.....							4,271

URIAH W. TOMPKINS, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 10.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
17	L'Union Française.....	Masonic Temple.....	New York.	Ed. Laperruque....	Victor P. Hamel...	1st & 3d Saturdays ...	70
378	La Sincérité.....	"	"	{ Theonas J. A. } { Humbert.... }	{ J. Hedrich von } { Wiederhald. }	2d & 4th Saturdays...	55
387	La Fraternidad.....	312 E. 15th St.....	"	José Delgado.....	Frank Morales.....	2d & 4th Saturdays...	58
410	{ La Clémentine Amitié } { Cosmopolite..... }	Masonic Temple.....	"	Lucien Narbel	George Rousse....	2d & 4th Saturdays...	48
542	Garibaldi.....	"	"	Michele Giasquinto	F. d'Alessandro...	2d & 4th Tuesdays....	173
751	La Universal.....	{ Court and Joralemon } { Sta., Brooklyn.... }	Kings	Marcelline Perez ..	José Gestal.....	1st & 3d Saturdays ...	57
786	Italia.....	155 E. 58th St....	New York.	Eduardo Perugini.	Gesualdo Scarpelli	1st & 3d Fridays.....	170
884	Mazzini.....	115 West 23d St.....	"	Carlo Rampono....	Achille Basilea....	2d & 4th Thursdays ..	57
Total.....							688
WILLIAM L. MATHOT, D. D. G. M.							

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 11.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
66	Richmond	Port Richmond.	Richmond.	Arthur W. Deas	Walden M. Braman...	1st, 3d & 5th Mondays	817
381	Huguenot	Tottenville	"	Charles U. Thrall	John H. Newstead....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	142
471	Tompkins	Stapleton	"	Edward C. Meurer	Leonard W. Jewell....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	203
701	Beacon Light....	New Brighton ..	"	George H. Ware	William V. Osborn....	2d & 4th Mondays	107
Total.....							768

CHARLES A. THRALL, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 12.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
34	Courtlandt	Pekskill	Westchester	Fred. A. Smith.	George W. Richmond.	Every Thursday	147
46	Huguenot	New Rochelle	"	Joseph W. Spalding.	Abel C. Willmarth.	1st & 3d Fridays	217
180	Westchester	Ossining	"	Everett A. Barto.	Irvin J. Lane.	2d & 4th Mondays	123
196	Solomon	Tarrytown	"	Frederick E. Weeks.	William R. Nossiter.	1st & 3d Thursdays	120
236	Phillipstown	Cold Spring.	Putnam	Otis Montrose.	Ellis H. Timm.	1st & 3d Thursdays	108
368	Croton	Brewsters	"	Geo. W. Decker.	William E. Smith.	Wednesdays	160
434	Hiawatha	Mount Vernon	Westchester	Joseph Wesley Downs.	George W. Bard.	1st & 3d Mondays	216
450	Rising Star	Yonkers	"	Wm. E. Myers	Ernest Loughborough.	2d & 4th Tuesdays	291
473	White Plains	White Plains	"	Charles H. Vanderbilt.	William W. Ford.	1st & 3d Wednesdays	125
555	Diamond	Dobbs Ferry	"	Charles McConnell.	John H. Ravekes, Jr.	Fridays	96
653	Mamaro	Portchester	"	Joseph Haight, Jr.	Joseph S. Provost.	2d & 4th Mondays	109
702	Marble	Tuckahoe	"	Samuel L. Riley	John A. Riley	1st & 3d Mondays	47
708	Kisco	Mount Kisco	"	Conant S. Lyon	Benjamin E. Smythe.	1st & 3d Fridays	123
736	Neppertan	Yonkers	"	Edwin F. Howard.	Charles Hepenstal.	2d & 4th Thursdays	112
800	Apawamis	Rye Neck.	"	William H. Smith.	William H. Daniels	2d & 4th Thursdays	68
Total.....							2,057

CHARLES FRANCIS CHAPMAN, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 13.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
309	Newburgh	Newburgh	Orange.	George Mason	Jas. D. McGiffert.	2d & 4th Wednesdays.	253
313	Stony Point.	Haverstraw	Rockland.	Alonzo Wheeler	Charles H. Newman	Wednesdays	146
315	Wawayanda	Piermont	"	Wesley A. Kipp	John C. Walsh	1st & 3d Fridays	61
328	Port Jervis	Port Jervis	Orange.	Dudley J. Warner	Jacob F. Pobe	2d & 4th Fridays	162
365	Goshen	Goshen	"	William R. Terhune	George Mullerix	1st & 3d Mondays	63
412	Hoffman	Middletown	"	Eugene B. Quick	I. E. A. Taylor	1st & 3d Tuesdays	307
544	Warwick	Warwick	"	Samuel Green	F. F. Wildrick	2d & 4th Tuesdays	81
599	Ranapo.	Suffern	Rockland.	John J. Traubagen	Joseph H. Wood	2d & 4th Tuesdays	105
607	Hudson River	Newburgh	Orange.	Edward M. Murfieldt.	Chas. H. Halstead.	1st, 3d & 5th Wednesdays	309
627	Walkill	Walden	"	William D. Sayer	Chas. E. Holden	1st & 3d Wednesdays	121
711	Standard	Monroe	"	Jesse Bull	John A. Patterson	2d & 4th Mondays	120
721	{ Jerusalem Temple }	Cornwall-on-Hudson	"	Saml. W. Briggs	F. C. White	2d & 4th Thursdays	54
723	Rockland.	Nyack	Rockland.	Arthur C. Brady	Edw. L. Baldwin	2d & 4th Wednesdays	169
Total							1,950

JOHN SALISBURY, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 14

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
7	Hudson.	Hudson.	Columbia.	Wessel Ten Broeck.	William A. Merrell.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.	186
9	Unity.	Lebanon Springs.	"	Harrie P. Whitehead.	C. J. Richmond.	1st & 3d Tuesdays.	47
32	Warren.	Schultzville.	Dutchess.	John Edward Hoag.	L. G. Graham.	Thursday on or before full moon & 2d Saturday after	30
98	Columbia.	Chatham.	Columbia.	Frank H. Wood.	W. Porter Darrow.	1st & 3d Fridays.	145
286	Poughkeepsie.	Poughkeepsie.	Dutchess.	John Kilmer.	Wm. H. Krieger.	1st & 3d Tuesdays except July & Aug.	227
283	Beacon.	Fishkill Landing.	"	Benj. I. D. Roosa.	W. S. Allen.	1st, 3d & 5th Wednesdays	139
335	Widow's Son.	Livingston.	Columbia.	Jobe W. Mambert.	Wm. Etteman.	1st Thursday on or before full moon.	57
362	Valatie.	Valatie.	"	Joseph Hapeman.	Wilson Miller.	1st & 3d Tuesdays.	63
374	Monumental.	Tivoli.	Dutchess.	Wm. H. Simmons.	John F. Silver.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.	108
432	Rhinebeck.	Rhinebeck.	"	William C. Ackert.	John H. Brown.	Fridays.	81
438	Shekomeko.	Washington Hollow.	"	Charles E. Butts.	Wm. D. Van Wagner.	Alternate Saturdays.	99
480	Webotuck.	Millerton.	"	Willis J. Woodruff.	Levi P. Hatch.	1st & 3d Tuesdays.	64
509	Lindenwald.	Shuysenant Falls.	Columbia.	Alfred R. Ostrom.	W. B. Van Alstyne.	1st & 2d Saturdays.	61
506	Hopewell.	Hopewell Junction.	Dutchess.	Charles Underhill.	Paul Vermilyea.	2d & 4th Thursdays, except June, July & August.	34
612	Hillsdale.	Hillsdale.	Columbia.	John K. Cullin.	Richard L. Cannon.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.	61
615	Stissing.	Pine Plains.	Dutchess.	Wilber J. Bowman.	Henry C. Wilber.	2d & 4th Fridays.	60
666	Dover.	Dover Plains.	"	G. B. Spencer.	William B. Cutler.	1st & 3d Thursdays.	93
671	Wappinger's.	Wappinger's Falls.	"	Geo. H. Terwilliger.	Joseph D. Thompson.	1st & 3d Mondays.	74
672	Amenia.	Amenia.	"	John R. Thompson.	John W. Hoysradt.	2d & 4th Tuesdays.	97
700	Aquila.	Hudson.	Columbia.	Eibert Payne.	John P. Berridge.	3d & 4th Wednesdays.	177
782	Triune.	Poughkeepsie.	Dutchess.	Clinton D. Parkhill.	Fred'k W. Lee.	2d & 4th Wednesdays.	187
857	Harlem Valley.	Pawling.	"	Fred. C. Taber.	James S. Pearce.	1st & 3d Tuesdays.	52
Total.							2,142

SANFORD W. SMITH, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 15.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
10	Kingston.....	Kingston.....	Ulster.....	John P. Roosa.....	Samuel D. Scudder.....	Tuesdays.....	322
48	Ark.....	Coxsackie.....	Greene.....	Schuyler C. Bishop.....	A. V. D. Collier.....	1st, 3d & 5th Mondays.....	119
119	Oasis.....	Prattsville.....	".....	Jas. C. McWilliams.....	Albert Newcomb.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	68
193	Ulster.....	Saugerties.....	Ulster.....	William G. Sickles.....	Henry A. Ohley.....	Wednesdays.....	148
343	Rondout.....	Rondout.....	".....	Simon L. Newland.....	Fred. H. Eastman.....	Mondays.....	231
427	Cascade.....	Oak Hill.....	Greene.....	Emerson Ford.....	Page T. Hoagland.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	110
468	Catskill.....	Catskill.....	".....	Charles E. Carey.....	George T. Williams.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	147
529	Mountain.....	Windham.....	".....	Orrin E. Griffin.....	Cyrus R. Tibbals.....	Mondays.....	58
557	James M. Austin.....	Greenville.....	".....	Albert W. Baker.....	Jahleel L. Bogardus.....	2d & 4th Saturdays.....	83
582	Wawarsing.....	Ellenville.....	Ulster.....	W. Kelly Shook.....	Fred. Whatley.....	Wednesdays.....	189
603	Kedonah.....	Calvo.....	Greene.....	Richard A. Austin.....	Henry Chadderton.....	1st & 3d Saturdays.....	55
718	Adonal.....	Highland.....	Ulster.....	Martin G. Shantz.....	George S. La Moree.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	90
741	Social Friendship.....	New Baltimore.....	Greene.....	W. T. B. Van Orden.....	Jacob G. Carhart.....	1st, 3d & 5th Fridays.....	53
807	Mount Tabor.....	Hunter.....	".....	Dayton E. Slater.....	Willis Baldwin.....	Mondays.....	47
Total.....							1,714

STEPHEN H. VAN DYCK, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 16.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
289	St. Andrew's.....	Hobart.....	Delaware..	Robt. C. Blackburn.	Chas. R. O'Connor....	1st & 3d Saturdays.....	94
380	Margaretville.....	Margaretville.....	"	John W. Telford.....	Homer D. Shaver....	Saturday evenings. March 1 to Sept. 15, second and last Saturdays.....	114
430	Delhi.....	Delhi.....	"	John J. Burke.....	J. Henry Arbuckle....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	189
464	Downsville.....	Downsville.....	"	Augustus J. Terry....	A. J. Wilson.....	2d & 4th Saturdays.....	54
521	Callicoon.....	Jeffersonville.....	Sullivan..	Valentine Scheidell..	William Lieb.....	2d & 4th Saturdays.....	47
532	Monticello.....	Monticello.....	"	Robt. McNickle.....	Walter G. Prince....	2d & 4th Fridays.....	120
532	Hancock.....	Hancock.....	Delaware..	W. G. Underwood....	William A. Hall.....	1st & 3d Saturdays.....	118
539	Walton.....	Walton.....	"	B. A. Tregurtha.....	Chas. B. Bassett....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	120
561	Delaware.....	Callicoon Depot....	Sullivan..	James H. Curtis.....	Simon A. Kemp.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	78
562	Franklin.....	Franklin.....	Delaware..	George Hiller.....	David A. Betts.....	Every Wednesday.....	88
571	Coeur de Lion.....	Roxbury.....	"	Frank Enderlin.....	James R. Dart.....	Every Wednesday.....	95
606	Masonville.....	Masonville.....	"	Marshall B. Bryant..	Orrin A. Priest.....	2d & 4th Saturdays.....	41
791	Livingston Manor..	Livingston Manor..	Sullivan..	John W. Holt.....	C. B. N. Hall.....	2d & 4th Saturdays.....	77
801	Sidney.....	Sidney.....	Delaware..	Geo. S. Cosgrove....	Albert A. Kipp.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays.....	106
816	Mongaup.....	Liberty.....	Sullivan..	William B. Hand.....	M. J. McGibbon.....	2d, 4th & 5th Tuesdays.....	90
Total.....							1,880

WILLIAM B. VOORHEES, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 17.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
3	Mount Vernon.....	Albany.....	Albany.....	Will L. Lloyd.....	James E. Allanson.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	181
5	Masters'.....	".....	".....	William S. Hackett.....	Thomas W. Larwood.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	237
6	St. George's.....	Schenectady.....	Schenectady.....	Horace S. Van Voast.....	Hanford Robison.....	2d & 4th Thursdays.....	496
13	Apollon.....	Troy.....	Rensselaer.....	John H. Yetto.....	Chester G. Wager.....	Tuesdays.....	639
14	Temple.....	Albany.....	Albany.....	George Lawyer.....	Daniel Underhill.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	562
58	Phoenix.....	Lansingburgh.....	Rensselaer.....	Frank H. Miter.....	William Jordan.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	172
75	Evening Star.....	Watervliet.....	Albany.....	Charles A. Richardson.....	Henry Adams.....	Tuesdays.....	229
85	Washington.....	Albany.....	".....	Myer C. Jacobs.....	Wheeler B. Mellus.....	2d & 4th Thursdays.....	191
87	Schodack Union.....	East Schodack.....	Rensselaer.....	Elmer E. Finch.....	Ezra O. Waterbury.....	{ Thursdays or be- fore full moon... }	57
91	King Solomon's Priu.....	Troy.....	".....	William M. Peckham.....	Henry Stowell.....	Thursdays.....	531
116	Cohoes.....	Cohoes.....	Albany.....	James H. Mitchell.....	John A. Simons.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	275
311	Mount Zion.....	Troy.....	Rensselaer.....	Anson R. Thompson.....	Charles H. Anthony.....	Mondays.....	382
337	Greenbush.....	Rensselaer.....	".....	William H. Clay.....	Ephraim C. Crocker.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	276
355	Jerusalem.....	Lansingburgh.....	".....	Elerson V. Enfield.....	John F. Smith.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	167
400	Van Rensselaer.....	Hoosick Falls.....	".....	James M. Miller.....	Isaac A. Allen.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	173
417	Wadsworth.....	Albany.....	Albany.....	Frederick W. Gebhard.....	Fred. B. Hubbard.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays.....	344
452	Ancient City.....	".....	".....	John S. Merrifield.....	George McFarland.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	427
670	Star.....	Petersburgh.....	Rensselaer.....	George T. Livingston.....	Henry W. Hasson.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	48
674	Gratitude.....	Nassau.....	".....	Frank Wynn.....	George W. Witbeck.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	388
690	Victor.....	Schaghticoke.....	".....	Thomas H. Jackson.....	Wm. W. Westbrooke.....	1st & 3d Saturdays.....	126
694	Berne.....	East Berne.....	Albany.....	Edmund J. Martin.....	Frank Strevell.....	1st & 3d Saturdays.....	41
730	New Hope.....	Schenectady.....	Schenectady.....	Robert Paterson.....	Nelson S. Young.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	124
731	Sunny Side.....	Castleton.....	Rensselaer.....	George Porter.....	Charles E. Buckman.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	59
737	Guttenberg.....	Albany.....	Albany.....	Chas. H. Blaskummer.....	Louis Fiedler.....	1st Thursday.....	125
754	Noah.....	Altamont.....	".....	Justin L. Smith.....	Silas Hilton.....	2d & 4th Saturdays.....	182
804	Onesqueithau.....	Coeymans.....	".....	Frank M. Crum.....	W. Curtiss Carroll.....	1st, 3d & 5th Mondays.....	97

Total..... 6,120

JAMES T. HANRAHAN, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 18.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
138	Otego.....	Cooperstown.....	Otego.....	Frank B. Shipman.....	Albert T. Van Horn.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	159
162	Schuyler's Lake.....	Schuyler's Lake.....	".....	Jesse Ellsworth.....	William Southworth.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	48
282	Otego Union.....	Otego.....	".....	Paul R. Jennings.....	Murray C. Iaft.....	1st, 3d & 5th Fridays.....	82
324	Freedom.....	Unadilla.....	".....	Charles A. Winchester.....	John D. Leith.....	3d & 4th Tuesdays.....	82
334	Cherry Valley.....	Cherry Valley.....	".....	Joseph Peaslee.....	Willard S. Gibbons.....	Monday preceding full moon, and 2d Monday after.....	68
363	Evergreen.....	Springfield Center.....	".....	Stephen R. Stewart.....	Frank C. Wood.....	1st & 3d Saturdays.....	74
394	Cobleskill.....	Cobleskill.....	Schoharie.....	Sanford S. Myers.....	Henry Bellinger.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	167
466	Oneonta.....	Oneonta.....	Otego.....	Lucius H. Townsend.....	Charles E. Hills.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	288
482	Richfield Springs.....	Richfield Springs.....	".....	Fred Bruner.....	A. Monroe Freeman.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	76
491	Schoharie Valley.....	Schoharie.....	Schoharie.....	Albert S. Rickard.....	Henry F. Kingsley.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	163
515	Butternuts.....	Gilbertsville.....	Otego.....	Chas. F. Bushnell.....	Andrew J. Dixon.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	53
548	Laurens.....	Laurens.....	".....	James Harrison.....	David S. Peet.....	2d & 4th Saturdays.....	48
553	Farmers'.....	Edmeston.....	".....	John L. Shaw.....	Philo. Cheesbrough.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays.....	62
554	Working.....	Jefferson.....	Schoharie.....	Wilder S. Beard.....	Jerry B. Carrington.....	Every Tuesday.....	53
592	Schenevus Valley.....	Schenevus.....	Otego.....	Melvin J. Esnay.....	Oscar F. Lane.....	Every Sat'y, Dec. 1 to Apr. 1; 1st & 3d Sat'y's, Apr. 1 to Dec. 1.....	176
605	Tienderrah.....	Morris.....	".....	Perry D. Foote.....	Vincent L. Curtiss.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	100
624	Sharon Springs.....	Sharon Springs.....	Schoharie.....	Alonzo B. Coons.....	Warren J. Eldredge.....	Every other Saturday.....	62
630	Gilboa.....	Gilboa.....	".....	Eli S. Persons.....	William H. Long.....	1st & 3d Saturdays.....	80
663	Middleburgh.....	Middleburgh.....	".....	Dow Beckman.....	Tiffany W. Neville.....	2d & 4th Fridays.....	183
Total.....							1,987

FRED L. COGGESHALL, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 19.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
4	St. Patrick's	Johnstown	Fulton	Wm. D. Ferris	John J. Buchanan	1st & 3d Thursdays	156
40	Olive Branch	Frankfort	Herkimer	Charles Aland	C. B. Cleland	2d & 4th Tuesdays	173
79	Hamilton	Canajoharie	Montgomery	Peter C. Wohlgenuth	Christopher Sticht	1st & 3d Tuesdays	71
84	Artisan	Amsterdam	"	Bert W. Kellogg	Julius W. Kimball	1st & 3d Tuesdays	171
181	Little Falls	Little Falls	Herkimer	George W. Norris	Irving W. Huskins	2d & 4th Tuesdays	215
278	Mohawk Valley	Mohawk	"	James E. Rafter	W. M. Lamb	2d & 4th Fridays	109
288	Fish House	Northville	Fulton	Edgar G. Palmer	Arthur W. Heath	1st & 3d Wednesdays	111
300	Garoga	Rockwood	"	Ervin W. Smith	E. P. McWayne	1st & 3d Wednesdays	54
423	Herkimer	Herkimer	Herkimer	Edwin G. Davis	E. G. Van Housen	1st & 3d Tuesdays	156
429	Gloversville	Gloversville	Fulton	James Frank McKee	James A. Robertson	1st & 3d Mondays	274
433	Fort Plain	Fort Plain	Montgomery	Daniel I. Devoe	Emiel Rebell	2d & 4th Tuesdays	243
455	Newport	Newport	Herkimer	Arthur E. Rhodes	Ralph H. Rathbun	1st & 3d Saturdays	170
531	Fultonville	Fultonville	Montgomery	George N. Holliday	Wm. W. Furbeck	1st & 3d Wednesdays	130
581	Winfield	West Winfield	Herkimer	John H. Stephens	Herbert H. Wilcox	1st & 3d Mondays	61
591	Ilion	Ilion	"	James A. Whitfield	Louis F. Joerissen, 2d	1st & 3d Mondays	249
599	Kennytto	Broadalbin	Fulton	James P. Rosa	Frank G. Fuller	2d & 4th Tuesdays	53
611	St. Johnsville	St. Johnsville	Montgomery	Fred D. Skorns	Clarence L. Fox	1st & 3d Thursdays	110
796	Dolgeville	Dolgeville	Herkimer	Floyd B. Knapp	Arthur H. Durfey	1st & 3d Saturdays	107
829	Welcome	Amsterdam	Montgomery	David S. Dunlap	R. E. Lee Reynolds	2d and 4th Tuesdays	70
Total.....							2,681

ROBERT N. CLARK, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 20.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
55	Granville.....	Granville.....	Washington.	Willis A. Tenney..	Will E. Roberts	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	96
96	Phoenix.....	Whitehall.....	"	L. B. McFarran.....	Nathan E. Foote.....	Each Tuesday.....	155
290	Mount Hope.....	Fort Ann.....	"	Martin H. Adams.....	Charles A. Vaughn....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	58
267	Fort Edward.....	Fort Edward.....	"	Oscar O. Niles.....	H. Judson Winn.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	123
373	Sandy Hill.....	Sandy Hill.....	"	Marcus C. Allen.....	George M. Walker.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	196
391	Salem.....	Salem.....	"	James Gibson.....	George J. Webb.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	70
481	Cambridge Valley.....	Cambridge.....	"	Alfred G. Hill.....	Sidney H. Moshier....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	99
508	Herschel.....	Hartford.....	"	Leander Gilchrist.....	Frank D. Beattie.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	86
567	Argyle.....	Argyle.....	"	Geo. M. Stillman.....	James K. Henry.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	83
584	Ashlar.....	Greenwich.....	"	Martin W. Tefft.....	A. W. Day.....	1st, 3d & 5th Mondays.....	111
Total.....							1,025

JAMES M. POTTER, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 21.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
22	St. John's	Greenfield Center	Saratoga	A. M. Hollister	William H. Harris	1st & 3d Wednesdays	76
90	Franklin	Ballston Spa	"	Henry C. Hale	C. Fred. Wheeler	1st & 3d Thursdays	148
108	Rising Sun	Saratoga Springs	"	Frank A. Hall	Addison E. Curtis	1st & 3d Mondays	217
121	Glens Falls	Glens Falls	Warren	Chas. B. Thompson	Elmer E. Smith	2d & 4th Mondays	227
140	Clinton	Watford	Saratoga	Frank Jelf	C. H. Van Derwerken	Alternate Thursdays commencing 1st Thursday in September	131
308	Home	Northumberland	"	Frederick M. Leary	James A. Fake	Wednesdays on or before full moon	61
425	Warrensburgh	Warrensburgh	Warren	Albert H. Thomas	Thomas H. Crandall	1st & 3d Mondays	181
456	Senate	Glens Falls	"	Delbert S. Howe	James S. Garrett	1st & 3d Tuesdays	210
497	Glen Dale	Pottersville	"	Frank A. Griswold	Isaac Peyser	2d & 4th Saturdays	148
504	Montgomery	Stillwater	Saratoga	Frank W. Nelson	Edward I. Burt	2d & 4th Mondays	75
678	Schuyler	Schuylerville	"	Samuel Wells	Edward A. Spencer	2d & 4th Tuesdays	73
890	Ondawa	Mechanicville	"	David L. Spooner	Newton T. Bryan	2d & 4th Tuesdays	99
Total							1,641

WILLIAM H. KIRKPATRICK, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 22.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
142	Morning Sun....	Fort Henry.....	Essex	Henry B. Vanderbilt..	Wm. R. Woodbridge..	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	112
149	Ausable River	Keesville.....	"	Leonard B. Chisholm	Henry M. Mould	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	80
153	Clinton.....	Plattsburgh.....	Clinton	George H. Myers.....	Henry Keeson.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	153
237	Champlain.....	Champlain.....	"	Chas. L. Stone.....	R. W. Graves.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	84
259	Sisco.....	Westport	Essex	John J. Greeley	Edgar W. Ames.....	1st & 3d Saturdays.....	40
505	Northern Light...	West Chazy	Clinton	W. E. Clough	Wm. H. Robinson....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	42
572	Mount Hermon...	Ellenburgh.....	"	John W. Havens.....	Edward Huggins.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays	79
602	Adirondack	Elizabethtown..	Essex	Walter M. Marvin.....	Albert A. Boynton....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	118
707	Mount Horeb.....	Moers.....	Clinton	H. A. Johnson.....	James B. Fitch.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	48
715	Iroquois.....	Essex.....	Essex	B. D. Severance.....	Fred. H. Sherman....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	40
772	Rescue.....	Crown Point....	"	Chas. Walt.....	George D. Gage.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays	81
790	Tahawus	Ausable Forks..	Clinton	Edw. W. Featherston.	Alvin C. Jacques.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays	126
794	Mount Defiance ..	Ticonderoga	Essex	L. F. Davis.....	C. A. Hunt.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays	116
828	Plattsburgh	Plattsburgh	Clinton	Orrin E. Robinson....	Chester C. Hodges....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	43
Total.....							1,160

KARL J. SEVERANCE, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 23.

No.	Lodge.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
111	St. Lawrence.	Canton.....	St. Lawrence	Alvin Wallace.....	Benjamin H. Bush.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	172
128	Ogdensburg.....	Ogdensburg.....	"	John E. Briggs.....	Charles W. Tuck.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	235
213	Racket River.....	Potsdam.....	"	Fred E. Baum.....	S. Augustus Redway.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	185
217	Gouverneur.....	Gouverneur.....	"	Joseph V. Baker.....	William F. Bowhall.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	289
319	Black Lake.....	Morristown.....	"	Horace Rowland.....	J. A. Phillips.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	82
383	Waddington.....	Waddington.....	"	George L. Charlton.....	Silas J. Bower.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	84
385	Amber.....	Parishville.....	"	Orlando H. Capell.....	Chauncey J. Newell.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	78
428	High Falls.....	Colton.....	"	Charles I. Olmstead.....	George W. Stuart.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	82
477	Wildwood.....	Edwards.....	"	Ernest Ward.....	Henry J. Grant.....	Tuesday w/k of full m. } and two weeks after. }	65
499	Deer River.....	North Lawrence.....	"	Lewis L. Dewey.....	Guy R. Haskins, Jr.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	82
500	Heron.....	Heron.....	"	James C. Alverson.....	W. W. Matteson.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	89
513	Massena.....	Massena.....	"	Herbert J. Potter.....	A. L. Hitchcock.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	105
541	Brasher.....	Brasher Falls.....	"	George Kingston.....	William H. Capell.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	53
566	Russell.....	Russell.....	"	Rollin G. Smith.....	David A. Brown.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	76
573	De Peyster.....	De Peyster.....	"	Myron W. Rounds.....	Anias R. Thornton.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	105
577	Elk.....	Nicholville.....	"	Silas J. Sanford.....	Eugene B. Sanford.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	118
633	Richville.....	Richville.....	"	Horace E. Gardner.....	Evan E. Griffls.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	74
687	Oswegatchie.....	Fine.....	"	George W. Hatch.....	J. N. McLeod.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	70
689	What Cheer.....	Norwood.....	"	Frank I. Smith.....	Herbert L. Collins.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	100
705	Acadian.....	Ogdensburg.....	"	Robert Bowman.....	Harvey H. Wood.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	212
749	Fellowship.....	Rensselaer Falls.....	"	J. Jay Doty.....	Leonard F. Hammond.....	2d & 4th Fridays.....	40
Total.....							2,296

OLIVER H. FARNSWORTH, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 24.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
49	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	Jefferson	George B. Parker.....	Elmer E. Worthen.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	274
53	Brownville.....	Brownville.....	"	Frank E. Ingalls.....	Byron J. Witt.....	{ 1st Tuesday after new moon } { & Tuesday on 2d week after }	140
184	Lowville.....	Lowville.....	Lewis	John Dale.....	A. M. Laupher.....	Every Friday night.....	205
185	Sacketta Harbor.	Sacketta Harbor.	Jefferson	Herbert M. Potter.....	George E. Butterfield.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	152
158	Carthage.....	Carthage.....	"	Fred. M. Wing.....	William W. Sweet.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	164
171	Lafargeville...	Lafargeville...	"	Romaine Loucks.....	Frank N. Hoyt.....	{ Monday, week of full moon, } { and two weeks after..... }	73
172	Chaumont.....	Chaumont.....	"	George H. Herrick.....	Archie C. Ryder.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	118
174	Theresa.....	Theresa.....	"	George Cornwall.....	J. R. Sturtevant.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	73
184	Turin.....	Turin.....	Lewis	S. Olin Foster.....	George F. Hart.....	1st and 3d Saturdays.....	77
226	Antwerp.....	Antwerp.....	Jefferson	William R. Nutting.....	F. C. Drake.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	156
234	Adams.....	Adams.....	"	George P. Mauville.....	W. J. Rogers.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	149
238	Orient.....	Copenhagen.....	Lewis	Herman A. Roberta.....	John E. Allen.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	129
243	Cape Vincent.....	Cape Vincent.....	Jefferson	H. Roy Allen.....	G. W. Phillips.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	82
246	Clayton.....	Clayton.....	"	Wm. Brooker.....	William H. Rees.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	107
297	Alexandria.....	Alexandria Bay.....	"	Adam Bickelhaupt.....	Charles J. Estes.....	{ Tuesday, week of full moon, } { and two weeks thereafter..... }	133
506	Rodman.....	Rodman.....	"	Pearl W. Simmons.....	Nelson G. Cooley.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	98
657	Rising Light.....	Belleville.....	"	Eben C. Sawyer.....	Amos E. Wood.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	122
680	Port Leyden.....	Port Leyden.....	Lewis	James Jordan.....	Everett Williams.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	61
688	Depauville.....	Depauville.....	Jefferson	Prescott Patch.....	Henry Heyl.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	80
720	Pisgah.....	Evans Mills.....	"	Harry M. Goulding.....	John E. Jones.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	65
821	Bethany.....	Black River.....	"	William E. Brown.....	Eugene E. Graves.....	2d & 4th Fridays.....	60
Total.....							2,508

FRANK S. KENYON, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 25.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
127	Oswego	Oswego	Oswego	Fred. M. Hart.	Simon B. Wilcox	Tuesdays	303
136	Mexico	Mexico	"	William H. Norton	Ward M. Whitney	1st & 3d Mondays	119
144	Hiram	Fulton	"	Castle H. Gardner	Frank W. Richardson	1st & 3d Mondays	198
325	Republican	Parish	"	James W. Owens	Jacob W. Schumaker	1st & 3d Tuesdays	83
369	Callimachus	Phoenix	"	Hiram D. Fox	Charles W. Tubbs	1st & 3d Tuesdays	90
414	Scriba	Constantia	"	Alvaro A. Beardsley	Wallace D. Rhines	1st & 3d Wednesdays	51
415	Pulaski	Pulaski	"	Oron V. Davis	Benjamin Snow	1st & 3d Wednesdays	213
422	Frontier City	Oswego	"	George Cousins	R. MacCorquodale	Fridays	187
550	Hannibal	Hannibal	"	Clarence B. Brower	Frank E. Day	1st, 3d & 5th Wednesdays	68
564	Sandy Creek	Sandy Creek	"	Frank E. Root	John J. Baldwin	2d & 4th Fridays	87
613	Cleveland	Cleveland	"	DeVer Godfrey	Harvey W. Saltzman	1st & 3d Fridays	72
622	Central Square	Central Square	"	Harvey A. Youmans	Freeman Farrar	1st & 3d Thursdays	80
650	Amboy	Williamstown	"	John J. Burlingame	Willard D. Ross	1st & 3d Saturdays	71
679	Monian	Oswego	"	Samuel Hunt	Frank S. Thrall	Thursdays	112
Total							1,724

CHARLES H. TREADWELL, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 26.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
15	Western Star	Bridgewater	Oneida	Herbert E. Palmer	Henry Robinson	1st & 3d Thursdays	69
47	Utica	Utica	"	Arthur S. Thayer	William B. Knox	2d & last Mondays	298
129	Sanger	Waterville	"	Lewis D. Edwards	William Suters	2d & 4th Wednesdays	147
150	Sauquoit	Sauquoit	"	Holace A. Hull	Leonard W. Gardner	2d & 4th Saturdays	99
164	Philanthropic	Camden	"	Ernest N. Hammond	Rosell A. Magee	1st & 3d Wednesdays	92
165	Boonville	Boonville	"	Charles H. Cook	Charles N. Jenks	1st & 3d Fridays	110
169	Clinton	Clinton	"	Frank B. Griffin	William H. Brockway	1st & 3d Mondays	110
223	Roman	Rome	"	Albert R. Hager	George H. Kingsley	1st & 3d Wednesdays	280
224	Oriental	Utica	"	Alamanson Godfrey	Harvey K. Heffron	2d & 4th Tuesdays	418
264	Baron Steuben	Della	"	Charles H. Waters	John W. Stratton	2d & 4th Wednesdays	107
347	Hampton	Westmoreland	"	Arthur D. Lee	Martin Parsons	1st & 3d Saturdays	80
420	New London	New London	"	Jay H. Pratt	Smith E. Showdy	1st & 3d Fridays	65
440	Vienna	Vienna	"	Charles F. Nichols	O. H. Menys	1st & 3d Tuesdays	79
654	Amicable	Washington Mills	"	Frederick Batt	William H. Davies	1st & 3d Fridays	84
677	Remsen	Trenton	"	Edwin Hughes	Charles E. Watkins	2d & 4th Fridays	149
687	Faxton	Utica	"	Alfred J. Bromley	William E. Bailey	1st & 3d Mondays	293
799	Oriakany	Oriakany	"	George H. Graham	E. H. Salisbury	1st & 3d Saturdays	88
809	Uriel	Forestport	"	John H. Neeser	Fred H. Croll	1st, 3d & 5th Mondays	69
814	Sconodosa	Vernon	"	John D. Trimm	Willard H. Schall	1st & 3d Tuesdays	53
Total							2,625

EDWIN HUGHES, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 27.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
93	Military	Manlius	Onondaga	William M. Dewey	Henry S. Whitney	1st & 3d Mondays	85
120	Hamilton	Hamilton	Madison	Ralph W. Thomas	George Beal	1st & 3d Wednesdays	201
148	Sullivan	Chittenango	"	Chester Bartholomew	John V. Flaherty	1st & 3d Wednesdays	94
160	Seneca River	Baldwinsville	Onondaga	Frank E. Potter	E. H. Lewis	1st & 3d Wednesdays	141
231	Canastota	Canastota	Madison	Alonso Swart	Lewis A. Roinour	2d & 4th Wednesdays	117
236	Fort Brewerton	Brewerton	Onondaga	Charles H. Livingston	Fred. Piatto, Sr.	1st & 3d Wednesdays	87
270	Onelda	Onelda	Madison	Fred J. Baldwin	Henry Skinner	1st & 3d Thursdays	164
305	Central City	Syracuse	Onondaga	Edward H. Burdick	Edwin C. Tallcott	Tuesdays	606
352	Homer	Homer	Cortland	Robert J. Watson	John H. Van Hoesen	2d & 4th Mondays	100
386	Jordan	Jordan	Onondaga	James E. Peck	Jacob O. Brinkerhoff	1st & 3d Mondays	133
438	Thermopylae { at Marathon }	Marathon	Cortland	Ashley Williams	Charles A. Brooks	1st & 3d Mondays	83
470	Cortlandville	Cortland	"	Charles F. Brown	George H. Kennedy	1st, 3d & 5th Tuesdays	216
501	Syracuse	Syracuse	Onondaga	Louis J. Lynn	Herbert W. Greenland	Thursdays	560
520	Salt Springs	"	"	George E. Scherrer	Frank M. Dickinson	Mondays	274
522	Skaneateles	Skaneateles	"	Samuel Bradshaw	Edwin A. Gillett	1st & 3d Wednesdays	78
524	Morning Star	Marcellus	"	John R. Rhodes	Harvey P. Tefft	1st & 3d Mondays	71
525	Liverpool	Liverpool	"	David C. Werner	Charles T. F. Lyon	Mondays	52
578	Fayetteville	Fayetteville	Madison	Philetus M. Helfer	Addison Cole	1st & 3d Tuesdays	62
616	Cazenovia	Cazenovia	Onondaga	Sumner F. Munson	E. C. Covell	1st & 3d Fridays	78
648	Centerville	North Syracuse	Madison	Ernest F. Conway	Curtis N. Andrews	Saturdays	103
658	Morrisville	Morrisville	Madison	Lynn B. Chase	Fred. S. Harwood	1st & 3d Tuesdays	83
692	De Ruyter	De Ruyter	"	George A. Spaulding	Adelbert W. Francis	Thursdays from Oct. 1 to April 1, every alternate Thursday from April 1 to Oct. 1	119
706	Cincinnatus	Cincinnatus	Cortland	Benjamin Kenyon	Leroy Finn	1st & 3d Wednesdays	39
726	Cautious	Georgetown	Madison	Isaac Dalrymple	Herbert J. Brown	2d & 4th Fridays	71
768	Sapphire	Camillus	Onondaga	George A. Kelsey	William B. Bucklin	Fridays	108
802	Onondaga	East Syracuse	"	Arthur J. Robinson	H. E. Richardson	Thursdays	70
Total							3,794

STRATTON S. KNOX, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 28.

No.	Lodge.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
83	Phœbus	New Berlin	Chenango	Henry H. McGuire	John L. Fuller	1st & 3d Wednesdays	104
128	Eastern Light	Greene	"	William D. Morse	Erastus S. Walker	1st & 3d Thursdays	152
167	Susquehanna	Bainbridge	"	Joseph E. Hirt	George L. Douglas	1st & 3d Wednesdays	70
175	Oxford	Oxford	"	William A. Bentley	L. Augustus Knott	2d & 4th Mondays	186
177	Binghamton	Binghamton	Broome	Edward S. Rozell	Abner P. Kelsey	Wednesdays	421
302	Norwich	Norwich	Chenango	Nelson P. Bonney	Christopher R. Frink	1st & 3d Tuesdays	218
300	Afton	Afton	"	Peter S. Krum	Burt B. Hyde	2d & 4th Tuesdays	183
388	Upper Lisie	Upper Lisie	Broome	Eugene E. Myers	Martin Sherwood	2d & 4th Thursdays	24
386	Deposit	Deposit	"	Charles H. Stiles	Oliver I. Bundy	1st & 3d Saturdays	94
399	Maine	Maine	"	Judson H. Riley	Theodore T. Lawton	Mondays	54
435	Otselingo	Binghamton	"	Richard R. Daly	David M. Johnson	Thursdays	598
442	Windsor	Windsor	"	Alpha H. Pease	James M. Chaffee	1st & 3d Fridays	98
444	Sherburne	Sherburne	Chenango	Frank J. Heady	Robert I. McKee	2d & 4th Fridays	93
533	Round Hill	Union	Broome	Theodore P. Knapp	Samuel M. Benjamin	2d & 4th Mondays	92
597	Western Light	Lisie	"	C. Wallace Theleman	George W. Edwards	1st & 3d Tuesdays	21
						Oct. 1 to Apr. 1, every Tuesday; Apr. 1 to Oct. 1, 1st & 3d Tuesdays.	
659	South Otsele	South Otsele	Chenango	Ira D. Goodsell	William Crozier	2d & 4th Tuesdays	57
706	Whitney's Point	Whitney's Point	Broome	Rodolph W. Whaley	Frank C. Branday	2d & 4th Tuesdays	86
Total							2,456

JOHN H. SMITH, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 29.

No.	Lodge.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
96	Union.....	Elmira.....	Chemung..	Charles E. Frydenborg..	James C. Cartledge.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	303
131	Myrtle.....	Montour Falls.....	Schuylcr..	H. Lavern Vaughan.....	Geo. M. Lee.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	83
153	Friendship.....	Owego.....	Tioga.....	Ralph H. Robertson.....	Clayton S. Scott.....	Wednes. after 1st & 3d Mon..	293
233	Old Oak.....	Millport.....	Chemung..	Leonard Dailey.....	Dexter White.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	69
290	Spencer.....	Spencer.....	Tioga.....	M. L. Fisher.....	Isaac S. Stancilft.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	55
332	Jefferson.....	Watkins.....	Schuylcr..	Jabez L. Buck.....	Edwin D. Tompkins.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	103
333	Westbrook.....	Nichols.....	Tioga.....	Joseph Olmstead.....	Walter C. Everett.....	Wednesdays on or before full moon.....	115
350	Chemung Valley.....	Chemung.....	Chemung..	John B. McDuffee.....	C. M. Young, Jr.....	1st & 3d Saturdays.....	88
364	Horae Heads.....	Horae Heads.....	"	Lincoln Gardner.....	Wm. U. Phillips.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	127
373	Big Flats.....	Big Flats.....	"	Egbert Shoemaker.....	Thompson P. Reeder.....	1st, 3d & 5th Wednesdays..	81
397	Ivy.....	Elmira.....	"	Harvey E. Ludlow.....	Hammond M. Shelve.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	399
407	Waverly.....	Waverly.....	Tioga.....	Ellis H. Deldrick.....	Mahlon H. Mandeville.....	1st, 3d & 5th Mondays.....	153
411	Candor.....	Candor.....	"	Fremont Kirk.....	Charles F. Flebig.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	81
463	Lamoka.....	Tyrone.....	Schuylcr..	James M. Darrin.....	Eugene U. Bigelow.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	55
534	Tioga.....	Smithboro.....	Tioga.....	Isaac R. Wheeler.....	Thomas M. Watkins.....	Tuesdays on or before full moon.....	34
537	Ahwaga.....	Owego.....	"	Frank Beck.....	Norton A. Steevens.....	Tues. after 1st & 3d Monday..	96
614	Newark Valley.....	Newark Valley.....	"	Austin Dickerson.....	Charles Frank.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	98
726	Southern Light.....	Breesport.....	Chemung..	J. J. Hollenback.....	George W. Harding.....	2d & 4th Saturdays.....	54
776	Mount Lebanon.....	Van Eitten.....	"	Manley S. Dodge.....	F. B. Shelton.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays.....	61
Total.....							2,973

JOHN LEVY, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 30.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
41	Sylvan	Moravia	Cayuga	William Frost	William Fitts	1st, 3d & 5th Tuesdays	174
51	Fidelity	Ithaca	Tompkins	Charles J. Vankirk	Willard B. Georgia	1st & 3d Tuesdays	197
110	Scipio	Aurora	Cayuga	Roswell A. Reynolds	Henry J. Gould	1st & 3d Mondays	40
124	St. Paul's	Auburn	"	Ernest F. Penny	Frederic Cossum	2d, 4th & 5th Fridays	356
130	Port Byron	Port Byron	"	Hull F. Tanner	William P. Stillwell	1st & 3d Wednesdays	98
141	Cato	Cato	"	Edgar H. Crowninshield	William W. Legg, Jr.	1st & 3d Thursdays	94
147	Warren	Union Springs	"	William J. Fessenden	John B. Brougham	1st & 3d Tuesdays	66
157	Trumansburg	Trumansburg	Tompkins	Ossian G. Noble	Rathbun J. Hunt	1st & 3d Mondays	101
176	Montezuma	Montezuma	Cayuga	Arthur Gilmore	Charles L. Trufant	1st & 3d Saturdays	83
221	Cayuga	Scipio	"	Frank Kenyon	Charles A. Morgan	1st & 3d Wednesdays	68
266	Speedsville	Speedsville	Tompkins	Nelson Slate	George H. Nixon	3d & 4th Tuesdays	37
326	Salem Town	Cayuga	"	Joel M. Dickson	William E. Carr	2d & 4th Saturdays	37
335	Weedsport	Weedsport	"	Frank J. Hudson	L. DeLacy Fastz	1st, 3d & 5th Tuesdays	109
421	Genoa	King's Ferry	"	Hubbard A. Willits	Alfred Lanterman	1st, 3d & 5th Tuesdays	49
431	Auburn	Auburn	"	Sherman S. Salisbury	John N. Starnes	1st, 2d, 3d & 4th Wednesdays	305
473	Dryden	Dryden	Tompkins	Adelbert M. Clark	Charles E. Rummer	Every Wednesday	68
496	Groton	Groton	"	Minard L. Jones	Elisha Field	2d & 4th Tuesdays	74
681	Caroline	Statenville Sp'gs	"	Leroy McWhorter	Harry A. Davis	2d & 4th Thursdays	70
716	Hobasco	Ithaca	"	Willard H. Austen	Orange P. Hyde	2d & 4th Thursdays	178
774	Lansing	North Lansing	"	Will H. Lobdell	M. H. DeCamp	2d & 4th Fridays	81
784	King Hiram	Newfield	"	J. Dewitt Payne	S. Dudley Cook	1st & 3d Fridays	65

Total..... 2,389

WILLIAM O. KERR, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 31.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
88 Ark.	Geneva.	Ontario	William S. Moore.	Charles A. Dewey	1st & 3d Wednesdays.	210
108 Mio.	Penn Yan.	Yates	Edward D. Rose.	Milton M. Rose.	1st & 3d Fridays.	123
118 Seneca.	Waterloo.	Seneca.	Judson C. Hulbert.	Uriel D. Belles.	2d & 4th Mondays.	140
114 Union.	Ovid.	"	William T. Bowlby.	Fred. E. Williams.	Alternate Tuesdays.	116
123 Dundee.	Dundee.	Yates	James E. Ruddick.	Eugene Vreeland.	Alternate Fridays.	99
139 Minor.	Victor.	Ontario	Eugene S. Berry.	Henry C. Parmele.	2d & 4th Thursdays.	73
183 Farmerville	Farmer.	Seneca.	Thomas F. Hause.	Emmett C. Grant.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.	83
200 Sincerity.	Phelps.	Ontario	Charles H. Burt.	William D. Norton.	1st & 3d Tuesdays.	147
211 Pocahontas.	Seneca Falls.	Seneca.	John C. Davis.	Samuel Kibbey.	2d & 4th Tuesdays.	171
234 Canandaigua.	Canandaigua.	Ontario	E. Chapin Church.	Charles T. Mitchell.	1st & 3d Mondays.	191
308 Seneca Lake.	Dresden.	Yates	Charles H. Roberts.	John W. Smith.	Alternate Saturdays.	47
345 Lodi.	Lodi.	Seneca.	Rowell C. Traphagen.	George W. Golding.	1st & 3d Mondays.	61
377 Rushville.	Rushville.	Yates	William F. Holton.	Myron G. Washburn.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.	58
539 Fayette.	Fayette.	Seneca.	Ruben E. Sager.	George W. Lohr.	Alternate Saturdays.	56
619 Eagle.	Honeoye.	Ontario	Sanford W. Abbey.	Leonidas F. Willbur.	Monday after full moon.	44
815 John Dodge.	Naples.	"	David H. Conley.	C. E. Landerdale.	1st & 3d Fridays.	40
Total.....							1,559

GEORGE S. STUBBS, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 32.

No.	Lodge.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
88	Newark.	Newark.	Wayne.	Joseph Gilbert.	William C. Conrad.	1st & 3d Mondays.	143
159	Palmneyville.	Williamson.	"	Robert S. Carr.	William Pound.	1st & 3d Thursdays.	46
248	Palmyra.	Palmyra.	"	William J. Deans.	Alfred C. Hopkins.	2d & 4th Wednesdays.	164
354	Walworth.	Walworth.	"	James Clark.	Edward M. Rodenberger.	1st & 3d Saturdays.	66
341	Clyde.	Clyde.	"	Edward Q. Corrin.	John E. McGinnis.	2d & 4th Mondays.	84
392	Sodus.	Sodus.	"	William H. Horn.	William G. Thirkell.	1st, 3d & 5th Tuesdays.	131
406	Humantity.	Lyons.	"	Augustus E. Burnett.	Robert W. Ashley.	2d & 4th Wednesdays.	166
416	Wayne.	Ontario.	"	Gilbert P. Norton.	Henry M. Van Der Veer.	1st & 3d Fridays.	37
560	Wolcott.	Wolcott.	"	George W. Roe.	George G. Salabury.	1st, 3d & 5th Fridays.	128
590	Rose.	Rose.	"	Austin Livingstone.	Engene Hickok.	2d & 4th Fridays.	59
665	Macedon.	Macedon.	"	Henry Steiger.	Robert P. Magee.	1st & 3d Tuesdays.	63
764	Savannah.	Savannah.	"	Amon S. Farnum.	John A. Peck.	1st, 3d & 5th Thursdays.	84
Total.....							1,171

GEORGE KENT, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 33.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
45	Union.....	Lima.....	Livingston.	Lewis H. Moses.....	Smith L. Parmele.....	Wed. on or before full moon	48
109	Valley.....	Rochester.....	Monroe.....	J. Clifton Baker.....	Clifton C. Gifford.....	1st & 3d Mondays	475
115	Phenix.....	Dansville.....	Livingston.	B. H. Oberdorf.....	B. G. Readshaw.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays	110
123	Mount Morris.....	Mount Morris.....	"	William Foval.....	Fred A. Culley.....	1st, 3d & 5th Mondays	129
154	Fenfield Union.....	Fenfield.....	Monroe.....	Charles N. Leonard.....	William Fellows.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays	73
163	Yonnondio.....	Rochester.....	"	Andrew Ludolph.....	Charles H. Carson.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays	888
178	Monroe.....	Rockport.....	"	Warren B. Conkling.....	Louis W. Udel.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays	186
214	Geneseo.....	Geneseo.....	Livingston.	G. Thomas Goode.....	James D. Sanders.....	1st, 3d & 5th Thursdays	108
260	Keehequa.....	Nunda.....	"	William H. Northway.....	N. V. Kernahan.....	1st & 3d Thursdays	49
320	Union Star.....	Honeoye Falls.....	Monroe.....	Edward G. Brooks.....	Geo. H. Vallance.....	1st Wednesdays	69
436	Northfield.....	Fittsford.....	"	Wm. Grant Wadhams.....	George Morse.....	1st & 3d Thursdays	57
476	Fairport.....	Fairport.....	"	J. I. Sumerski.....	Ralph L. Estes.....	2d & 4th Mondays	108
479	Etolan.....	Spencerport.....	"	James H. Breeze.....	William M. Clark.....	Saturdays	93
507	Geneseo Falls.....	Rochester.....	"	Charles M. Colton.....	Fred. M. Young.....	1st & 3d Thursdays	918
526	Henrietta.....	West Henrietta.....	"	Marshall Todd.....	T. H. Robbins.....	1st & 3d Saturdays	85
538	Henrietta.....	Webster.....	"	Thomas Nagle.....	Andrew M. Holley.....	1st & 3d Thursdays	97
570	Avon Springs.....	Avon.....	Livingston.	I. Newton Smith.....	Wm. H. Farnum.....	1st, 3d & 5th Fridays	81
660	Rochester.....	Rochester.....	Monroe.....	Charles B. Bechold.....	Thomas R. Peshine.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays	521
687	Churchville.....	Churchville.....	"	Charles H. Sage.....	F. C. Richmond.....	Fridays	55
683	Nunda Station.....	Dalton.....	Livingston.	Robert E. Mair.....	M. M. Eldridge.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays	36
723	Germania.....	Rochester.....	Monroe.....	William Karle.....	William H. Hable.....	1st & 4th Wednesdays	209
759	O-at-ka.....	Scottsville.....	"	William N. Smith.....	Chas. B. Franklin.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays	45
778	Livonia.....	Livonia.....	Livingston.	Fred A. Wicker.....	C. Arthur Patchin.....	1st, 3d & 5th Wednesdays	58
779	Clio.....	Hilton.....	Monroe.....	Melvin B. Stevens.....	D. F. Webster.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays	77
797	Frank R. Lawrence.....	Rochester.....	"	Wallace J. Herriman.....	Clifford L. Kerr.....	2d Mondays	80
806	Corinthian Temple.....	"	"	William E. Williams.....	Ralph T. Olcott.....	1st & 3d Mondays	166
880	Eunice.....	Caledonia.....	Livingston.	Charles Menzie.....	Donald A. Scott.....	1st & 3d Thursdays	87
Total.....							4,803

FREDERICK R. SMITH, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 34

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
44	Evening Star...	Hornellsville...	Steuben	John E. Shelley...	Harry Chivers...	2d & 4th Tuesdays...	181
65	Morning Star...	Canisteo...	"	Milton W. Davison...	C. Elmer Smith...	1st & 3d Tuesdays...	101
104	Lewis...	Howard...	"	Joseph E. Brosa...	A. H. Baldwin...	1st & 3d Wednesdays...	43
112	Steuben...	Bath...	"	Henry J. Donnelly...	A. B. DeGroat...	1st & 3d Wednesdays...	147
117	Painted Post...	Corning...	"	Edgar E. Magee...	George Hitchcock...	1st & 3d Tuesdays...	215
118	Addison Union.	Addison...	"	Delmar M. Darrin...	Daniel Mackay...	1st & 3d Tuesdays...	59
151	Sentinel...	Greenwood...	"	Lynn G. Burton...	N. Emmett Coston...	1st & 3d Wednesdays...	18
168	Montour...	Painted Post...	"	Irving Bronson...	W. J. Masters...	2d & 4th Mondays...	48
331	Hornellsville...	Hornellsville...	"	Frank Woollard...	Don L. Sharp...	1st & 3d Tuesdays...	247
459	Urbana...	Hammondsport...	"	Llewellyn H. Brown...	Maurice A. Hoyt...	1st & 3d Mondays...	97
478	Danville...	South Dansville...	"	William S. Cook...	W. H. Weiermiller...	1st & 3d Saturdays...	29
510	Liberty...	Cohocton...	"	Samuel D. Parmenter...	J. Leonard Waugh...	Alternate Mondays...	73
547	Cameron Mills...	Cameron Mills...	"	George Campbell...	Clarence E. Reilly...	Alternate Saturdays...	47
583	Plattsburgh...	Plattsburgh...	"	H. Belmont Lee...	Wm. B. Pratt...	1st & 3d Fridays...	79
649	McClellan...	Troupsburg...	"	D. W. Hober...	Ray Sanford...	1st & 3d Saturdays...	88
673	Avoca...	Avoca...	"	Joel W. Griswold...	Alex. J. Arnold...	2d & 4th Wednesdays...	81
755	Savona...	Savona...	"	D. Wellington Bennett...	Menzo J. Moore...	1st & 3d Thursdays...	80
777	Restoration...	Woodhull...	"	J. W. McPhee...	Jerome C. Husted...	2d & 4th Mondays...	45
Total.....							1,619

EDWIN S. UNDERHILL, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 36.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
146	Western Union.	Belfast	Allegany ..	Oscar Wilson	Richard G. Young	Thurs. on or before full moon	43
225	Allegany	Friendship	" ..	Jason N. Britton	Don McClure	1st & 3d Fridays	117
229	Oriona	Fillmore	" ..	John H. Howden	Carl Fritz	Mon. on or before full moon	88
230	Wellsville	Wellsville	" ..	William Buck	Orin S. Wight	1st & 3d Fridays	144
258	Macedonia	Bolivar	" ..	Carlton R. Loomis	Theodore C. Kreiner	1st & 3d Wednesdays	117
306	Cuba	Cuba	" ..	Frank N. Mallison	C. H. Holbrook	1st & 3d Thursdays	94
318	Joseph Enos	Rushford	" ..	Daniel W. Gilbert	William H. Thomas	1st Tues. on or before full m.	37
357	Canadea	Canadea	" ..	Chas. W. Vosburgh	Charles F. Balcom	1st Tues. on or before full m.	29
474	Belmont	Belmont	" ..	Herbert A. Barney	William A. Pollard	1st & 3d Wednesdays	78
558	Andover	Andover	" ..	Jesse S. Phillips	Benjamin S. Brundage	1st & 3d Mondays	75
761	Maple Grove	Short Tract	" ..	Samuel B. Luckey	William V. Drury	1st & 3d Saturdays	29
781	Canaseraga	Canaseraga	" ..	Norman S. Fay	Edward N. Bennett	1st & 3d Wednesdays	93
818	Melrose	Angelica	" ..	Chas. D. Buchanan	David C. Evans	1st & 3d Fridays	42
Total							986

FRANK R. UTTER, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 36.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
39	Olive Branch.....	Le Roy.....	Genesee...	Louis W. Stauber.....	Henry Stauber.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	77
268	Mount Vernon.....	North Java.....	Wyoming..	Herbert L. Getty.....	Allen B. Divers.....	Alternate Saturdays from January 12th.....	83
379	Oakland.....	Castile.....	"	Edmund B. Windsor.....	J. S. Chapman.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	74
404	Constellation.....	Perry.....	"	Elmer J. Abbott.....	Walter A. Gillett.....	2d & 4th Saturdays.....	75
413	West Star.....	Varysburg.....	"	John B. Spink.....	E. C. Stanley.....	1st & 3d Saturdays.....	78
419	Arcade.....	Arcade.....	"	Henry J. McNair.....	M. T. C. Perkins.....	1st Fridays June, July, Aug. & Sept. 1st & 3d Fridays balance of year.....	104
462	Attica.....	Attica.....	"	Frederick Emerson.....	William Ballsmith.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	95
475	Batavia.....	Batavia.....	Genesee...	Henry C. Senn.....	Chas. W. Stickle.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	243
543	Tylluminar.....	Pike.....	Wyoming..	Joe R. Stewart.....	C. C. Lathrop.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	80
549	Warsaw.....	Warsaw.....	"	Elmer E. Webster.....	Porter B. Munger.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	86
Total.....							944

WILLIAM F. HUYCK, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 37.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
73	Lockport.....	Lockport.....	Niagara	Edward Whitting.....	Warner H. McCoy.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	159
97	Renovation.....	Albion.....	Orleans.	Wm. C. Ramezale.....	Lyman S. Linsom.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	187
152	Niagara Frontier	Niagara Falls.....	Niagara	Amasa Atwood Oatman.....	Michael Topping.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	808
218	Hartland.....	Johnson's Creek.....	"	Charles Seward.....	Fred. E. Vedder.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	44
295	Cataract.....	Middleport.....	"	George S. Bennett.....	Amos A. Castle.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays.....	117
336	Medina.....	Medina.....	Orleans.	Edward E. Crook.....	George A. Newell.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	177
375	Niagara.....	Lockport.....	Niagara	R. Nathaniel Roberts.....	Edward Beck.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	217
376	Ontario.....	Wilson.....	"	W. Leveille Draper.....	E. E. Gifford.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	51
380	Murray.....	Holley.....	Orleans.	Burton Keys.....	George H. Sheffield.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	83
551	Ransomville.....	Ransomville.....	Niagara.	William R. Leggett.....	H. S. Ransom.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays.....	65
639	Somerset.....	Somerset.....	"	Peter P. Landy.....	F. A. Featherstone.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	61
646	Red Jacket.....	Lockport.....	Orleans.	William C. Levi.....	Henry C. Hulsehoff.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	158
675	Yates.....	Lyndonville.....	"	Acle B. Fisk.....	Frank W. Bunce.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	62
713	Social.....	Kendall.....	"	Oscar Munro.....	A. Ward Hinman.....	1st & 3d Saturdays.....	58
785	Niagara River.....	Niagara Falls.....	Niagara	Fred J. Coe.....	Frank N. Coe.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays.....	180
787	Gasport.....	Gasport.....	"	John S. Maynard.....	Morse J. McNall.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	79
826	Sutherland.....	North Tonawanda.....	"	Thos. P. C. Barnard.....	Edgar C. McDonald.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	84
Total.....							2,084

WILLIAM J. JACKMAN, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 38.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
105	Hiram.....	Buffalo.....	Erie.....	Cyrus L. Barber.....	Albert A. Carroll.....	3d & 4th Fridays.....	411
143	Concordia.....	".....	".....	Robert Elchel.....	Emil Jackson.....	3d & 4th Wednesdays.....	287
161	Erie.....	".....	".....	James B. Snelgrove.....	Omar J. Swegles.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	453
240	Washington.....	".....	".....	Charles R. Butler.....	David W. Adams.....	2d & 4th Thursdays.....	643
247	Tonawanda.....	Tonawanda.....	".....	Albert R. Smith.....	Augustus H. Crown.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	188
255	Living Stone.....	Golden.....	".....	Maurice L. Doty.....	Alpheus H. Hayes.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	60
301	Evans.....	Angola.....	".....	Franklin J. Stone.....	Horatio P. Muffitt.....	2d & 4th Saturdays.....	83
292	Parish.....	Buffalo.....	".....	Thomas H. McKee.....	James A. Given.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	817
340	Modesta.....	".....	".....	George F. Wells.....	Philip Weber.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	241
331	Springville.....	Springville.....	".....	Luther J. Shuttleworth.....	William H. Jackson.....	2d & 4th Thursdays.....	103
358	Queen City.....	Buffalo.....	".....	Morris D. Lloyd.....	John S. Snaith.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	336
441	Ancient Landmarks.....	".....	".....	Morris Benson.....	Louis F. Iulig.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	338
498	De Molay.....	".....	".....	R. Kenneth Bickford.....	J. H. Barnard.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	515
514	Zion.....	Orchard Park.....	".....	Clinton N. Smith.....	Elisha Freeman.....	1st & 3d Saturdays.....	43
527	Akron.....	Akron.....	".....	George H. Swift.....	Perry P. Hart.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	104
594	Alden.....	Alden.....	".....	Claude Eilers, Jr.....	Samuel F. Pratt.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	94
625	Fraternal.....	Hamburg.....	".....	William H. Abbott.....	Perry M. Thorn.....	2d & 4th Saturdays.....	107
694	Blazing Star.....	East Aurora.....	".....	Albert T. Van Antwerp.....	Adin J. Perry.....	2d & 4th Saturdays.....	133
699	Harmonie.....	Buffalo.....	".....	George H. Lamy.....	Charles A. Fischer.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	164
766	Occidental.....	".....	".....	John F. Burfield.....	Wilma I. Batty.....	2d & 4th Thursdays.....	147
788	Fortune.....	North Collins.....	".....	James A. Ashdown.....	Walden M. Ward.....	1st & 3d Saturdays.....	119
833	Depew.....	Depew.....	".....	Fred. G. Brost.....	Elbertus T. Wandel.....	2d & 4th Thursdays.....	81
Total.....							4,914

GEORGE C. FOX, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 39.

No.	Lodge.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
230	Cattaraugus	Salamanca	Cattaraugus	Thomas A. Heller	William C. Hirschert	2d & 4th Tuesdays	235
232	Olean	Olean	"	Marvin N. Hamilton	Loren H. Brooke	1st & 3d Tuesdays	270
233	Phoenix	Gowanda	"	Jesse V. Crouch	Norman B. Allen	1st & 3d Wednesdays	146
307	Ellicottville	Ellicottville	"	E. E. Comstock	L. B. Nichols	1st & 3d Fridays	120
350	Randolph	Randolph	"	Douglas C. Adams	Frank L. Seager	Tuesday each week, except June, July and August, last Tuesday in month	124
570	Portville	Portville	"	James Holland, Jr.	John H. Warden	2d & 4th Tuesdays	83
620	Clinton F. Paige	Otto	"	Walter Taft	Charles F. Truby	1st & 3d Tuesdays	67
623	Franklinville	Franklinville	"	Claude F. Townsend	R. Leigh Curtis	1st & 3d Thursdays, except July & August, 3d Thursday	93
730	Henry Renner	Limestone	"	Benjamin F. Willis	J. Otis Blacklock	Each alternate Wednesday	41
810	Urania	Machias	"	E. J. Reimann	William A. Joelyn	2d & 4th Tuesdays	50
811	Berean	Cattaraugus	"	L. Herbert Northrup	Emmons J. Gardner	1st & 3d Wednesdays	84
813	Arion	Little Valley	"	William C. Bushnell	F. D. Rowley	1st & 3d Tuesdays	76
Total							1,889

SEMP. L. VIBBARD, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 40.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
145	Mount Moriah..	Jamestown...	Chautauqua	Richard Peart.....	Royal S. Blodget.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	402
153	Hanover	Forestville ...	"	Herbert P. White.....	Elmer H. Wiggins..	Wednesday on or before full moon, and two weeks after.....	44
166	Forest.....	Fredonia.....	"	Ward P. Barnum.....	Henry C. Drake.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	119
219	Summit.....	Westfield.....	"	William H. Walker....	Charles E. Brown....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	146
301	Irondequoit...	Dunkirk.....	"	Hiram A. Matteson....	Byron G. Bailey.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	219
303	Sylvan.....	Sinclairville...	"	William C. Scott.....	Charles E. Dennison..	1st & 3d Mondays.....	74
384	Cherry Creek..	Cherry Creek...	"	John W. Smith.....	S. M. Sweet.....	1st & 3d Saturdays.....	78
575	Olive.....	Sherman.....	"	Walker J. Corbett.....	Samuel H. Skinner...	Alternate Fridays.....	86
606	Pescock.....	Mayville.....	"	Nathan S. Morey.....	August Johnston....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	56
757	Silver.....	Silver Creek...	"	William Chapman.....	Morrell E. Farnsworth	2d & 4th Wednesdays.....	108
767	Dunkirk	Dunkirk	"	Chas. D. Armstrong...	John L. Hurlbert....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	138
Total.....							1,456

WILLIAM H. THOMPSON, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 41.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
107	North Star.....	Brushton	Franklin..	Alpheus B. Conger..	Edson Turner.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays....	85
201	No. Constellation..	Malone	"	Thomas T. Buttrick..	William H. Gray.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays	197
388	Aurora.....	Fort Covington..	"	James F. Farquhar..	Merritt M. Smith.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays	86
517	Frontier	Chateaugay	"	Frank F. Kennedy ..	Eugene F. McKinley ..	1st & 3d Wednesdays	73
556	North Bangor.....	North Bangor....	"	Frank S. Steenberge.	Orlando Harrington....	2d & last Saturdays.....	81
789	Whiteface Mountain.	Saranac Lake....	"	Arthur D. Manning.	Richard H. McIntyre....	1st & 3d Wednesdays	151
Total.....							563

GEORGE W. HARRIS, D. D. G. M.

RECAPITULATION.

Number of Districts.....	41
Number of Lodges.....	750
Number of Master Masons.....	106,236

REPORT

ON

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

FOR 1901.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of New York and Brethren of this Jurisdiction :

We herewith present for your consideration our Thirteenth Annual Report on Correspondence.

UNITED STATES.

ALABAMA.

80th Communication.

MONTGOMERY.

December 4, 1900.

M. W. B. DUDLEY WILLIAMS, Grand Master, the representatives of three hundred and twenty-one Lodges, and New York by M. W. GEORGE P. HARRISON.

We rather question the introductory words of the Grand Master's address, i.e., "This old earth of ours [is] *hurrying* on to destiny and dissolution"—the annual revolution appears to be pretty regular. His exordium and peroration comprehend a beautiful tribute to Freemasonry. But one death reported: R. W. BENJAMIN F. POPE, Past Junior Grand Warden; nine new Lodges created by dispensation, and relations throughout the jurisdiction entirely harmonious. The Grand Master urged the brethren to put new life into the project, inaugurated two years ago, for the establishment of a Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home. The Grand Lodge, in their approval thereof, adopted resolutions covering the appointment of brethren throughout the State for the purpose of soliciting contributions from the subordinate Lodges for this object.

The Grand Master reported sixty decisions, and the Committee on Jurisprudence, as appointed, were instructed to report thereon at the next Annual Communication. We should differ in judgement on some of them, but, undoubtedly, the provisions of local law govern.

Business before the Grand Lodge of local interest.

We are pained to notice that M.'. W.'. H. CLAY ARMSTRONG, Past Grand Master, and holding the office of Grand Secretary, whom we judge, by his attendance at this Annual Communication, to have been in his usual health, was summoned hence ere the Proceedings of the Annual Communication were printed.

The obsequies of the deceased brother were under the auspices of the Grand Lodge, and his remains deposited with Masonic ceremonies, December 19, 1900.

Receipts, \$7,753.22; disbursements, \$6,461.90, and balance on hand, \$4,006.88.

Next Annual Communication, Montgomery, December 3, 1901.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A very full report on Correspondence (185 pp.), covering the proceedings of fifty Grand Bodies, was presented by W.'. WILLIAM Y. TITCOMB.

We would not question the wisdom of the following from our brother's review of the *District of Columbia*.

"Were we to air our humble opinion on this subject, we should respectfully intimate that, while according the highest praise to the ladies for their noble endeavors to ameliorate the condition of the suffering and destitute, we are deeply impressed with the wisdom of that Masonic usage which avoids 'entangling alliances'; which does not go into partnership with any other organization on earth. If the O. E. S. desire to donate contributions for a Masonic Home, well and good—and we will pay them our tribute of admiration and gratitude in the choicest words at our command, but—the Masonic Home must be under exclusive Masonic control; else no end of complications will arise."

New York, for 1900, has kindly attention. In reply to inquiry would say, that we do not understand there is any question of *prerogative* whatsoever. The constitutional law governs.

M.'. W.'. RUSSELL M. CUNNINGHAM (*Ensley*), Grand Master, and R.'. W.'. GEORGE A. BEAUCAMP (*Montgomery*), Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA.

51st Communication.

SAN FRANCISCO.

October 9, 1900.

M.'. W.'. CHARLES L. PATTON, Grand Master, the representatives of two hundred and sixteen Lodges, and ten Past Grand Masters.

The record of the half century had been one of profit and benefit to the Craft, and the year just closed one of peace and harmony. Two new Lodges had been instituted by dispensation. But one vacancy had occurred in the permanent membership, that of M.'. W.'. JOHN A. TUTT, the second Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, whose death occurred May 15, 1900, at the age of eighty-five years. In reference to him, the Grand Master says that, "It was to his untiring efforts at the organization of

the Grand Lodge that much of its success is to be attributable." Upon intelligence of the Galveston (Texas) devastation, the Grand Master had telegraphed \$1,000 for the relief of the distressed and suffering, and the Grand Lodge promptly ratified his commendable action. We commend the good judgment of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home in refusing to accept our M. W. brother's resignation as President of that Board. The record discloses that he had been a very valuable member therein, and we should say fully competent to discharge a twofold duty. We are thoroughly in accord with the remarks of the Grand Master and the law of this jurisdiction, that no brother should be suspended for non-payment of dues who is pecuniarily unable to do so; and that it is competent in elucidation of said inability for it to be made known by some brother who is cognizant thereof. This was drawn out by the fact that in the By-laws of some Lodges there is a provision that "every application to remit dues should be made in writing or in person by the delinquent." This regulation the Grand Master had declared to be illegal, contrary to the regulations of the Grand Lodge, and his action was approved.

"I am convinced that in consequence of this misconception of law, and these illegal resolutions or by-laws, many brethren who are really innocent of wrong, but who are unable to pay the stated assessment levied by their Lodges, and who are, perhaps, too proud to make confession of that fact, are suspended for non-payment of dues, when some of the brethren present at the meeting are able and willing to tell to the Lodge the facts of the case. I would therefore recommend that this Grand Lodge direct the proper officers to notify each Lodge that such a by-law or resolution is invalid, and call the Lodge's attention to the true Masonic and charitable rule which has prevailed in this jurisdiction for nearly thirty years."

We note the following of the decisions reported. The Grand Lodge concurred therein, except No. 27, upon which the Committee on Jurisprudence asked further time. The principle involved in this decision is somewhat different from our understanding, and yet we are not prepared to say that it is not correct.

"1. No brother will be permitted to resign from Masonry, or renounce the Order. He may withdraw from the particular Lodge in which he holds membership, but for him to even attempt to renounce Masonry is an offense and should be punished.

"2. A Lodge in California may, at the request of any Lodge in this State, or under the jurisdiction of any other Grand Lodge recognized as legitimate by this Grand Lodge, confer any or all of the three degrees upon a candidate elected by the Lodge making the request.

"3. A petition for degrees is received when a Lodge decides by its vote to receive it, or when, as is quite customary, it shall, in the absence of any objection, be declared by the Master to be received, and, after such petition shall have been referred to a committee, it cannot be withdrawn, except as provided in Section 3, Art. III., Part III., Constitution.

"6. Lodge funds cannot be divided between the Lodge and members thereof who withdraw for the purpose of forming a new Lodge, nor can they be divided with the new Lodge when formed.

"8. Every legally constituted life member of either of the Lodges consolidating is a life member of the Lodge formed by the consolidation of such Lodges.

"10. As any one of the Lodges having concurrent jurisdiction over a person may receive his position, elect him, and confer the degrees of Masonry upon him, so any one of such Lodges may waive jurisdiction in

the manner prescribed by the Constitution and authorize another Lodge to receive and act upon the application.

"12. A Lodge must be convened in stated meeting for business at the hour and the day fixed by the By-laws, and under no circumstances has the Master or any other officer authority to open the Lodge for business at an earlier hour, because by so doing a brother relying on the By-laws and desiring to take part in the business of the meeting might be deprived of his right to do so, and any business transacted at such meeting before the time fixed in its By-laws is void and of no effect.

"22. It is a very grave Masonic offense for a Mason to make a public or even a private declaration that he does not believe in the existence of God. Charges should be at once preferred against such a one, and, if found guilty, he should be expelled from the Order.

"23. A Lodge should not suspend one of its members for non-payment of dues who has been admitted on its application to the Masonic Home, but knowing, as it must, that such member is unable to pay his dues, it can and should remit them without any request, written or oral, from the member himself.

"24. A Lodge is not relieved of its duty to bury one of its members, or a widow dependent upon its charity, by reason of the fact that such person has been admitted to the Masonic Home and dies while an inmate thereof, the burial expenses must be paid by the Lodge which nominated such person.

"27. Lodges have jurisdiction (exclusive if but one, or concurrent if more than one Lodge is located in the same place) within the corporate limits of the town or city in which such Lodge or Lodges may be situated, and in every direction from the corporate limits of such town or city. The jurisdiction of the Lodge or Lodges, as the case may be, is exclusive over all the persons living nearer the corporate limits of such town or city than to the corporate limits of any other town or city where another Lodge is located. It is the geographical center between towns or cities in which Lodges are located which governs, and not that between the Lodge-halls. Thus no Lodge can gain or lose territorial jurisdiction by moving its place of meeting from one hall to another in the town or city in which it is located."

The reports of the six Boards of Relief showed charitable donations amounting to \$16,415.58, and the Grand Lodge appropriated \$6,200 for the benefit of two, the others having sufficient funds on hand.

The report of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home is of exceeding interest. Number of inmates, 62; viz.: 31 men, 14 women, and 17 children. The per capita cost of maintenance had been \$165.60. Extensive improvements had been inaugurated, and in order to care for increased number of inmates a cottage plan had been adopted, each cottage containing eight rooms. A lithograph of the buildings and grounds, as a frontispiece to the proceedings, makes a fine and homelike showing.

The Treasurer reports receipts, \$28,137.96; disbursements, \$26,815.85, and balance on hand, \$24,177.26.

We have before directed attention to the regulation that inmates surrender to the Home all the moneys and property they possess, which is held in a special fund. (In the report the statement is made, that every institution of this kind has a similar rule, which is incorrect in its application to the Masonic Home of New York—we cannot accept any one who has means, nor receive any payment therefrom.)

"The object of it not being to deprive the inmate of moneys which he may have, but being based on the theory that as he receives a home where he is taken care of for life, it is but right that he should give to the Home all the property of which he may be possessed. Any brother think-

ing that the money he had on hand and the property in his possession was sufficient to support him would not apply to the Home, and would not be a proper person to become an inmate thereof. This rule is necessary and must be lived up to, because without such a rule it might be quite possible that persons having sufficient to support themselves would occupy places needed by those of the brethren who were entirely destitute."

From a close reading of the President's report and also that of the Superintendent, we should judge that in the course of time a large revenue would be derived from the products of the soil—fruits, grapes, etc.

It was ordered by the Grand Lodge that the Grand Officers be a committee to visit the Home once in each year, to examine carefully into its affairs and management, and to make report at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

An amendment prohibiting any Lodge "from receiving an application from any person who shall be engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors" was rejected—the Committee on Jurisprudence holding it to be class legislation.

Upon the question of physical qualifications, the Grand Lodge receded from its strict adherence to physical perfection and adopted the following:

"The person who desires to be made a Mason must be a man; no woman nor eunuch; free born, being neither a slave nor the son of a bond woman; a believer in God and a future existence; of moral conduct; capable of reading and writing; having no maim or defect in his body that may render him incapable of learning the art, and physically able to conform literally to what the several degrees respectively require of him."

The following amendment to the Constitution, lacking the required two-thirds vote (although sustained by a majority), goes over until the next Annual Communication. We deem it of sufficient importance to quote in full.

"**Sec. 11.** No Lodge shall expel a member for the non-payment of his dues; but, in case any member shall have refused or neglected to pay his regular dues during a period of six months, he shall be notified by the Secretary that, unless at the next stated meeting either his dues be paid or sickness or inability to pay be shown as the cause of such refusal or neglect, he will be suspended from all the rights and privileges of Masonry. If neither of these things be done he shall, at such stated meeting, be declared by the Master to be so suspended, unless, for special reasons shown, the Lodge shall remit his dues or grant him further time for their payment; but any Mason thus suspended, who shall at any time pay the arrearages due at the time of the suspension, together with such further dues as would, had he retained his membership, have accrued against him to the date of such payment, or who shall have had such arrearages and dues remitted by his Lodge, shall by either of these acts be restored. *Provided*, That should any member suspended for non-payment of dues neglect for the period of two years to pay said dues or have the same remitted by his Lodge, said member shall not be restored except by a three-fourths vote by ballot of all the members present at the next stated meeting after the petition for restoration is presented."

Receipts, \$27,847.53; disbursements, \$22,871.60, and balance on hand, \$6,416.40. Investments, \$58,041.68.

Next Annual Communication, San Francisco, October 8, 1901.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Correspondence (138 pp.), by M. W. WILLIAM A. DAVIES, is a painstaking review of the proceedings of fifty-seven Grand Lodges, including ample notice of New York for 1900.

We hardly think M. W. BRO. UPTON will be pleased that his report on the Grand Lodge of Hamburg invasion is termed "*a labored report.*"

Our brother remarks in the conclusion to his excellent paper:

"The action of the Grand Lodge of Washington came like a thunder-bolt in a clear sky, and it will be many years before its pernicious effects are obliterated and forgotten.

"That the Masons of that jurisdiction will abandon the false position in which they have been placed by ambitious leaders is as sure as that the sun rises in the East, and the Fraternity will patiently wait for its restoration to its former position in American Freemasonry.

"We are glad to be able to congratulate the Fraternity upon the affirmation by the Supreme Court of New York of the doctrine laid down by the courts of California and Ohio—that no court of equity will interfere to prevent the carrying out of a judgment of suspension or expulsion as finally confirmed by the Grand Lodge having jurisdiction. This doctrine was laid down by the Supreme Court of New York in the case of *KOPP vs. WHITE*, a case in which a disgruntled brother invoked the civil law to revoke the judgment of his brethren in Masonry, and wherein the court told him, in effect, that as he probably got his deserts, he should be satisfied with the judgment of his brethren in a matter of social obligation and reciprocal expectations."

M. W. JAMES A. FOSHAY (*Los Angeles*), Grand Master, and R. W. GEORGE JOHNSON (*San Francisco*), Grand Secretary, *re-elected*.

COLORADO.

40th Communication.

DENVER.

September 18, 1900.

M. W. ALPHONSE A. BURNAND, Grand Master, the representatives of ninety-two Lodges, nineteen Past Grand Masters, and New York by W. FRANK G. MIRICK.

The Grand Master delivered an able address, referring in eloquent terms to the death of W. THOMAS LINTON, appointed Grand Tiler in 1873 and serving continuously until his death. The Grand Master had visited fifty-eight Lodges, and peace and harmony appear to be the verdict. In order to protect the Craft he had issued a circular giving a list of the clandestine Lodges located in Ohio. He very wisely did not wait for a Lodge to commit an error—from lack of knowledge—and thereby be subject to review by the Grand Lodge of Colorado. There is no uncertainty about the views of the Grand Master upon the subject of intemperance.

"In my travels I have found that the vice of intemperance is not unknown among some of our members. This is especially the case in towns where, owing to the lack of comfortable reading rooms and other

places of entertainment, men frequent the saloon. I am also convinced that the vice is augmented by the aversion of the brethren to command reform, or in case of failure, to protect the dignity and good name of their Lodges by preferring charges. In such cases as have come to my notice I have not minced my words, but have instructed the officers to admonish the erring, and if that proved ineffective, to prefer charges, and so rid the Lodge of an element which has no respect for itself and brings the Lodges and the Craft into disrepute. I have also impressed the officers of the Lodges with their own responsibility, showing them that they must be held accountable for the good conduct of the brethren in their jurisdiction. To hold up temperance to our initiates as one of our great cardinal virtues, and then suffer members to roll about in a condition of inebriation, is to enact a farce, which must sooner or later destroy all the good influence, if not the life itself, of the Lodge that permits it."

The visit of the Grand Master and other brethren to W. ADNA A. TREAT, a member of the Grand Lodge of New York (a resident of Denver), extending congratulations upon his one hundred and third birthday was but another expression of the kindly feeling exhibited upon many former occasions and ever to be remembered with gratification by the brethren of New York. This generous yearly recognition, however, must now be viewed as an occurrence of the past, a beautiful fraternal remembrance, for our venerable and justly esteemed brother passed through the valley and into the celestial light on the ninth of December, 1900, at the age of one hundred and three years, eight months, and one day. W. BRO. TREAT was a life member of Apollo Lodge, No. 13, Troy, N. Y.

The celebration of the Washington Centennial Memorial, first presented to the Masonic world through the instrumentality of this Grand Lodge, and which was the outcome of the patriotic thought of M. W. R. W. WOODBURY, Past Grand Master, had extended notice, and it was eminently proper that the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Colorado should have been assigned the special honor of delivering an address at the old tomb. It would appear to us that this Grand Lodge could not better crown its labors than by the publication of the valuable material collected by its special committee.

Among the decisions rendered we note the following, with which we should not agree. We think a Mason has the right to apply for affiliation to any Lodge, irrespective of locality or residence. We notice that the Grand Lodge disapproved the same.

"Query: 'Can we receive a petition for membership from a former member, but now a resident of San Francisco, Cal.?'"

"Answer: No. Voluntary non-affiliation is a Masonic offense. The offense is committed against the laws of the Grand Jurisdiction in which the non-affiliate resides. Each Grand Lodge provides the way and manner in which a Mason can reinstate himself to good standing. It would, therefore, be not only highly discourteous, but a grave offense against the Grand Lodge of California, to receive the brother's petition, for it would have the effect of nullifying their statute against non-affiliates."

The Grand Master was requested to wire the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas the sympathy of the Craft, and to tender any financial aid necessary for the relief of the sufferers at Galveston.

Telegraphic greetings exchanged with the Grand Lodge of Montana.

There does not appear to have been any action taken upon a proposition to establish a Masonic Benevolent Fund.

The oration by W. HERSHEL M. HOGG, Grand Orator, on "Freemasonry," brought forward prominently "the earnest living of the principles therein inculcated."

The Proceedings are embellished with phototypes of M. W. J. W. MILSOM, Grand Master; M. W. BROS. ARCHIBALD J. VAN DEREN, ERNEST L. N. FOSTER, and GEORGE W. ROE, Past Grand Masters; and a fine engraving of R. W. ED. C. PARMELEE, Grand Secretary.

Receipts, \$3,869.07; disbursements, \$9,833.94, and balance on hand, \$9,545. Library Fund, \$1,395.50.

Next Annual Communication, Denver, September 17, 1901.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Correspondence (171 pp.), by M. W. LAWRENCE N. GREENLEAF, embraces the proceedings of fifty-five Grand Lodges, including New York for 1900.

He advances the opinion, under Alabama, "that while the Grand Lodge of Washington might not have felt inclined to 'eat all of its own words,' its effort in that direction should be accepted in good faith, since there is no danger of any further declaration on the subject on its part." He very justly expressed disapproval of the regulations adopted in *Missouri* in re physical qualifications. We entertain the opinion that the wideness of the opening of this door will very soon compel its closing.

He is strongly opposed to the stringent laws against non-affiliates prevalent in *Nevada*, and we append his remarks thereon:

"While we are aware that to-day, in American Grand Lodges, the opinion prevails that every Mason should belong to some Lodge and contribute to its support, the time is not very remote when an opposite view was entertained. Notably in Massachusetts, the Lodges made Masons who were members of the Fraternity at large, and who to become members had to make a separate application. Though the law has been changed in recent years, it doubtless was an ancient custom, and especially in the cases of those made in what were called private Lodges. The old idea was, that 'once a Mason, always a Mason.' If unaffiliated he had no vote or voice in the affairs of any Lodge, but he was still regarded and accepted as a brother and permitted to visit. The old regulations set forth that it is the duty of every Mason to belong to some Lodge, but the closest research has failed to reveal the slightest intimation that any penalty was ever attached to such omission or neglect. It remained for us of later times to bring the money question into undue prominence and to make Masonic outcasts of those who for some reason refuse or neglect to renew their membership. We are aware that there are two sides to this, as to every other vexed question, and we should be pleased to have our notice called to a single jurisdiction where stringent regulations and severe penalties have proved effective, or by which any good result has been accomplished."

M. W. JOSEPH W. MILSOM (*Carson City*), Grand Master, and R. W. ED. C. PARMELEE (*Denver*), Grand Secretary, *re-elected*.

CONNECTICUT.

112th Communication.

HARTFORD.

January 17, 1900.

M. W. GEORGE G. McNALL, Grand Master, the representatives of one hundred and eight Lodges, and eleven Past Grand Masters.

Among the emergent communications we note that of March 12, 1899, held for the purpose of uniting in the obsequies of, R. W. EDMUND T. MAHON, Past Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. This brother's death occurred at Halifax, and his remains were brought to Ridgefield, Conn., for interment. The Grand Master officiated, assisted by Past Grand Master LOCKWOOD and Grand Secretary BARLOW.

The hand of death had been laid upon two Past Grand Masters, a Past Grand Treasurer, and Past Grand Tiler, suitable mention being made thereto, and the memorial tablets embrace phototypes of the deceased brethren.

The Grand Master announced with satisfaction that "the marked increase in membership had been noteworthy for the quality of the material." We are pleased to note that increased interest had been evinced in the Masonic Home—a very important factor.

Fraternal reference was made to the death of M. W. JOHN H. GRAHAM, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec and the Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge near that Grand Lodge. The death of this distinguished brother occurred while on a visit to the city of Hartford, Conn., and a number of the brethren of this jurisdiction accompanied his remains to their last resting-place in Canada.

In order to be entitled to the benefit of exemption from Grand Lodge dues, the Grand Master had ruled that a *continuous* membership of thirty years was essential. It appears that under this exemption clause, out of a total membership of 17,332 in the State, there are 4,859 exempt, and the Grand Master very justly directed the attention of the Grand Lodge thereto.

The Grand Secretary, in a very complete report, extended congratulations on the harmony and prosperity which had characterized the labors of the Lodges, and also recommended necessary legislation whereby "the per capita tax be laid upon all Lodge members *without exemption*." The Grand Lodge continued the tax, excepting "such as had been Masons thirty years and also those whose whereabouts had not been known for five previous years." Seventy-five per cent. of the tax (one dollar) goes to the Masonic Charity Fund.

The Grand Lodge granted a charter for a new Lodge.

The spiritual needs of the Craft are to be looked after by seven associate Grand Chaplains, one being appointed for each of the counties in the State other than the county in which the Grand Chaplain resides.

No grievances. The committee reported, "There is no complaint, everybody is satisfied."

The tenth annual report of the Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut comprehends the affairs of the Masonic Home for the past year. Number of inmates, fifty-two, with a per capita cost of maintenance of \$166.18. The Trustees speak in the warmest terms of the excellent management by the Superintendent and his wife. The Treasurer's report shows receipts, \$10,168.58; disbursements, \$9,540.98, and balance on hand, \$9,479.48.

Receipts, \$13,312.50; disbursements, \$11,864.38, and balance on hand, \$7,686.37.

Next Annual Communication, New Haven, January 16, 1901.

CORRESPONDENCE.

R. W. JOHN H. BARLOW presents an excellent report on Correspondence (173 pp.), reviewing the proceedings of sixty-four Grand Lodges, New York for 1899 being among the number. It is claimed by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania "that it has never performed any Masonic work in public." This is a Pennsylvania peculiarity and we have never been able to reconcile actual occurrences with the theory. Our brother appears to have the same difficulty.

"We think the distinction between the Grand Lodge and Grand Master is very finely drawn. The public, when witnessing the ceremonies, does not consider the question as to whether the Grand Lodge had been formally opened before the ceremonies; if the Grand Master and his associates performed the ceremonies in their official capacity, it would be looked upon as an act of the Grand Lodge."

Noting the last paragraph of our brother's conclusion we wish to express to him our heartfelt sympathy. None can appreciate the keenness of that sorrow except those who have been called to pass through the same experience. To part with those we love, those who have become a part of ourselves, is a trial demanding strong faith and a well grounded confidence in Him who is love itself.

". . . God never made
Spirit for spirit, answering shade for shade,
And placed them side by side—
So wrought in one, though separate, mystified—
And meant to break
The quivering threads between. When we shall wake,
I am quite sure we will be very glad
That for a little while we were so sad."

M. W. JOHN O. ROWLAND (*New Haven*), Grand Master, and R. W. JOHN H. BARLOW (*Hartford*), Grand Secretary, *re-elected*.

DELAWARE.*94th Communication.**WILMINGTON.**October 3, 1900.*

M. W. WILLIAM W. BLACK, JR., Grand Master, a constitutional number of Lodges, New York by W. W. STEWART ALLMOND, and the following visitors: M. W. JOSEPH E. MOORE, Grand Master; M. W. JOSIAH W. EWAN, Past Grand Master; and R. W. THOMAS H. R. REDWAY, Grand Secretary, all of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

The Grand Master had visited all the Lodges and reports peace and harmony throughout the jurisdiction. The deaths of R. W. JOHN B. ROBERTS, Past Junior Grand Warden, and M. W. JOSEPH W. H. WATSON, Past Grand Master, had appropriate mention. In response to the suggestion of the Grand Master many of the Lodges had held Washington Memorial services. Commendation was expressed of the faithful service of the Instructors in the dissemination of the standard work adopted in this jurisdiction.

Application being made by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington for an exchange of Grand Representatives, the Grand Lodge decided that the edict of non-intercourse be continued in force, and declined an exchange of representatives "until this Grand Lodge is satisfied that the Grand Lodge of Washington shall have absolutely and unequivocally receded from its former position." Apparently no information had been received of the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington, June, 1899.

A ruling being asked upon a certain clause in Lodge By-laws "declaring that members who are in arrears of dues and yet not under charges for the same shall not be eligible to office and are not entitled to vote at elections," the Committee on Jurisprudence reported "that no member of a Lodge can be deprived of any of his rights and privileges as such member, without charges having been preferred and trial had. The right to vote in his Lodge, and to hold office in the same, is a privilege inherent in his membership."

Nevertheless, we should hold that if there was a Constitutional provision in the Grand Lodge Code authorizing such a restriction, that it would be lawful and permissible.

Official recognition was extended the Grand Lodge of West Australia. Appropriations of one hundred dollars each were made to the Minquadales Home and for the benefit of the brethren who had suffered by the Galveston (Texas) flood.

The retiring Grand Master received the customary honorarium—a Past Grand Master's jewel. The presentation speech was made by M. W. BRO. EWAN, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of New Jersey, and we can well apprehend that the record should disclose "that he delighted the members of the Grand Lodge by his excellent address."

Receipts, \$1,445.75; disbursements, \$1,397.79, and balance on hand, \$1,514.21. Grand Charity Fund, \$1,718.81.

Next Annual Communication, Wilmington, October 2, 1901.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Although brief, yet R. W. and Rev. Lewis H. Jackson presents a good report on Correspondence (70 pp.), covering the proceedings of sixty Grand Lodges. New York for 1900 has kind mention, and our thanks are expressed for personal mention.

M. W. JOSEPH STUART (*Wilmington*), Grand Master, and R. W. BENJAMIN F. BARTRAM (*Wilmington*), Grand Secretary, *re-elected*.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

89th Communication. WASHINGTON, D. C. November 8, 1899.

M. W. JOHN H. SMALL, JR., Grand Master, and the representatives of twenty-five Lodges.

Semi-Annual Communication, May 10, 1899.

The Grand Lodge adopted resolutions courteously requesting the Grand Lodge of Washington to reconsider her action of 1898 and withdraw from the position thereunder assumed.

Fraternal relations were resumed with the Grand Lodge of Peru.

The Grand Master in his annual address reported large accessions to the membership and general prosperity prevalent. We entertain the opinion that at a special meeting of a Lodge no business can be transacted except such as specified in the call.

The Grand Master had visited every Lodge and had formally opened a Masonic Fair, held for the purpose of raising money to liquidate the debt on the Lodge building. It would appear to us that the Masonic Fair business is getting quite popular.

The Grand Master had conferred the degrees of Masonry at sight upon Admiral WINFIELD S. SCHLEY.

A site had been purchased whereon to erect a new Masonic Temple, to cost about \$50,000.

An amendment, allowing Past Grand Masters an individual vote in the Grand Lodge, was rejected. In this we deem the Grand Lodge to be doing an injustice to itself. Most assuredly one who has been deemed worthy of the honor of Grand Master should have a continuance of that confidence after retiring from office.

A resolution as to the advisability of the formation of a General Grand Lodge was promptly rejected—a saving of time and postage.

A committee was appointed to consider the advisability of providing a Masonic Home, and it was ordered that the Grand Chapter, R. A. M.,

the Grand Commandery K. T., and the *Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star*, be requested to appoint similar committees of conference.

Installation Communication held December 27, 1899.

The Grand Master, upon retiring from office, in a recital of his official acts, included a very interesting account of the exercises of the Centennial observance of the death of Washington and of the part taken therein by the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

Receipts, \$6,057.40; disbursements, \$6,353.79, and balance on hand, \$5,212.49.

Next Annual Communication, Washington, D. C., November 14, 1901.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The thirtieth annual report on Correspondence (100 pp.), by R. W. WILLIAM R. SINGLETON, embraces the proceedings of forty-eight Grand Bodies. New York for 1899 has brief notice, and statistical work utilized.

Under *Pennsylvania*, we note the following:

"The Washington committee said, 'This is a matter of internal affairs.' Now, suppose the Grand Lodge of Washington were to acknowledge the legitimacy of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, the Grand Lodge of Ohio recently organized, the bodies of Masons established in several of the States by the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, would all this be 'internal affairs'? Yet, do the advocates of this 'doctrine' suppose that the other Grand Lodges would still hold fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Washington?"

"The 'internal affairs' of Masonry in any Grand Jurisdiction are such that they cannot reach beyond the boundaries; but is it not true that the recognition of the legitimacy of the Prince Hall Lodge and those deriving their Masonry therefrom is not 'internal affairs' only, but is so far-reaching beyond the boundaries of that State as to greatly affect the 'internal affairs' of every other jurisdiction where 'negro Masonry' exists? The present writer, since the publication of his report of 1898, has been approached on the street cars by the 'most distinguished' men of that color and told that his arguments would be successfully answered. Is not that interfering with the 'internal affairs' of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia?"

M. W. WILLIAM G. HENDERSON (*Washington, D. C.*), Grand Master, and R. W. WILLIAM R. SINGLETON (*Washington, D. C.*), Grand Secretary, re-elected.

FLORIDA.

71st Communication. JACKSONVILLE. January 16, 1900.

M. W. SILAS B. WRIGHT, Grand Master, the representatives of one hundred and thirty-eight Lodges, and New York by W. ELMER E. HASKELL.

The Grand Master had the gratification of announcing that the permanent membership of the Grand Lodge remained unbroken. He had visited twenty-two Lodges and issued dispensations for three new Lodges.

He recommended a resumption of fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Washington, although he considered "that the long and somewhat ambiguous Declaration contained some statements of Masonic law and principle with which he could not agree." The Grand Lodge approved the recommendation.

The Grand Master had extended to the Grand Lodge of Cuba the fraternal greetings of this Grand Lodge, and its congratulations "upon their meeting for the first time under the American flag, which guarantees them freedom from interference by the government or the clergy, and that the sword which closed the doors of their Lodge rooms had been banished from this continent."

Alluding to a reprehensible practice oftentimes indulged in, he well said:

"The lectures of Freemasonry have been compiled with an earnest desire to impress wise and important truths. To have their serious contemplation burlesqued by thoughtless remarks and innuendo is embarrassing to the candidate and distasteful to the Craft in general. The degrees of Masonry are too serious for such attempted witticisms, brethren. See to it that all such remarks are avoided and that all Lodge ceremonies are conducted in a manner and spirit to convey the impression sought in the lecture."

It was decided "that a brother, while Secretary of a Lodge, could not act as the Worshipful Master of a Lodge U. D." We do not know why not.

The address of the Grand Orator, W. REGINALD WELLER, treated of "Masonry in its status, as it was and is, and ought to be." Embraced therein is a most remarkable statement, purporting to show what Freemasonry is esteemed to be, in the popular estimation, copied from the *Revue du Monde*, of Paris, which is said to have been generally copied and received elsewhere in Europe, and especially in Spain. There is about as much truth in it as was contained in the literature issued in anti-Masonic times.

Receipts, \$6,883.55; disbursements, \$7,024.37, and balance on hand, \$288.18.

Next Annual Communication, Jacksonville, January 22, 1901.

M. W. SILAS B. WRIGHT (*DeLand*), Grand Master, *re-elected*, and R. W. WILBER P. WEBSTER (*Jacksonville*), Grand Secretary, *re-elected*.

GEORGIA.

114th Communication.

MACON.

October 30, 1900.

M. W. WILLIAM A. DAVIS, Grand Master, and the representatives of four hundred and nineteen Lodges.

The Grand Master had the gratification of reporting Freemasonry in this jurisdiction as never more prosperous than at the present time; five new Lodges having been created by dispensation. With the financial affairs in most excellent shape, the Grand Master urged the accumulation of a fund to be used in the building of an Institution which should demonstrate

to the world, "that the Craft of Georgia are doers of the word." The death of W'. HERSCHEL V. LESTER, appointed last year to fill the vacancy in the office of Grand Tiler, was announced by the Grand Master. A loving and well-deserved tribute was paid to the memory of W'. and REV. W. S. RAMSAY, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, whose death occurred March 16, 1900. No truer words could be uttered than those of the Grand Master:

"As the correspondent of the three Masonic Grand Bodies of the State he had won an enviable reputation, and had already an established fame as a foremost thinker and erudite writer on Masonic law. His native talent, his extensive reading, and profound study gave him such knowledge of the history and traditions of our Institution that he was enabled to assume a correct and invulnerable position on almost all questions at issue. Brave and fearless, he always dared to maintain the right, and was bold and aggressive in his opposition of the wrong. From his exalted position he never condescended to things of low degree, and knew no compromise with vice in any form. Because, however, of the goodness of his nature and the tenderness of his heart, he was ever mindful and exceedingly considerate, even of the feelings of his opponents."

It having been our privilege to review the proceedings of this Grand Jurisdiction during the administration of M'. W'. JOHN P. SHANNON, it is with peculiar sadness that we note the announcement of his decease on September 17, 1900. His addresses before the Grand Lodge were remarkable for brilliancy of thought and graphic pen pictures, unsurpassed by anything we have read. The Grand Master—a warm personal friend—in sympathetic words, presented a loving picture of his character.

"His voice was always music to our ears, his speech was golden and scintillated with rich gems of thought. He could endow his words with flight, steep them in sorrow, sadness, and sympathy, and inspire them with electric joy. There was in JOHN P. SHANNON a peculiar fascination which drew and held men to him. He served his Masonry with genius and success, with patriotic devotion, honor, love, and virtue. His memory will be an Alma tree in the garden of our breasts, ever blooming with flowers and ripening with fruit."

Truly this jurisdiction had been most sorely afflicted, for the Grand Master had also to announce the death of M'. W'. SAMUEL D. IRWIN, Past Grand Master, occurring within the same month as that of M'. W'. BRO. SHANNON. By reason of these deaths there are left but four living Past Grand Masters on the roll of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master closed a magnificent address with a thoughtful dissertation upon "The Closing Century, the Coming Century, and the part of Freemasonry in the Progress of the Future."

We note the following among the decisions reported:

"5. Can a brother who has been accused of casting a black ball deny the accusation in open Lodge? Held that he cannot. If this were permitted, every member could tell how he voted and thereby destroy the sanctity of the ballot.

"6. Has the Lodge the right to reject the application of a dimitted Mason against whom no charges are pending? Answer: It has. No objectionable member can be forced on a Lodge.

"7. A man is blackballed in one Lodge and moves to the jurisdiction of another. After the expiration of twelve months can he make applica-

tion to the second Lodge? Answer: He can. The law of perpetual jurisdiction is not recognized by this Grand Lodge.

"10. Can the Grand Lodge expel a man who is not a member of its body, and who has not been recommended for expulsion by a subordinate Lodge? Answer: It can. The Grand Lodge has authority over every Mason in its jurisdiction. A member expelled by the Grand Lodge, without recommendation from a subordinate Lodge, can only be restored by the Grand Lodge."

The Committee on Jurisprudence, being asked to define the law, made the following report:

"A member is suspended for twelve months for non-payment of dues. At expiration of twelve months he becomes a member of his Lodge in good standing, and it is the duty of the Lodge to re-charge and re-try him for failure to pay his dues and recommend him to the Grand Lodge for expulsion. If his Lodge fails to re-charge and re-try him, he is a member of the Lodge and the Lodge is chargeable with his dues."

The children of the Industrial Home, under the supervision of BRO. MUMFORD, were received, and entertained the Grand Lodge with songs and recitations. A collection was taken of \$125.39 for the benefit of this worthy enterprise.

The project of a Masonic Home being on the trestle board, report was made that pledges to the amount of \$1,874.25 had been received from the Lodges, and a resolution was adopted that a Masonic Home should be built. It was proposed that the Grand Lodge should devote one-half of the surplus in its Treasury and one-half of each succeeding year's surplus, until the fund should aggregate \$10,000, and that no taxes or assessments shall be levied upon the Craft, either for the purpose of the building or for the maintenance of the Home. A committee was appointed to report at the next Annual Communication plans and regulations to carry out the proposed work.

An appropriation of fifty dollars was made toward the expense of a monument to be erected over the remains of W. THOMAS W. FREEMAN, formerly Grand Tiler.

The annals of Georgia are noted for the brilliancy of those elected to occupy the highest place in the gift of the Craft, and we are convinced that the brother who was elected at this session will rank with his worthy predecessors. We note a point in the proceedings which jars upon our feelings—the list of eighty-one brethren *expelled* for non-payment of dues, in conjunction with twenty-three expelled for *adultery*, abandonment of family, and other unmasonic crimes. But such is the law of this jurisdiction.

Receipts, \$21,892.75; disbursements, \$19,835.42, and balance on hand, \$20,109.17.

Next Annual Communication, Macon, October 29, 1901.

CORRESPONDENCE.

W. A. MORRELL LAMBEN presents the report on Correspondence (146 pp.), embracing the proceedings of fifty-nine Grand Lodges. Our brother need not be worried as to the verdict. We think the consensus

of opinion will be, a worthy successor to the late beloved and lamented **BRO. RAMSAY**.

New York for 1900 has good notice. Alluding to the record of the observance of the Washington Centennial in this State, he is pleased to say:

"What a world of patriotism, wisdom, and love, as well as every Masonic excellency, is portrayed in the two hundred pages which record the honors paid by the Masons of the great Empire State to the nation's hero! How our hearts thrill as we read page after page of eloquent sermons and addresses, no two alike, and yet all true, all beautiful, all grandly illustrative of that grand life which stands out a colossal figure, not only in our own history, but in the annals of the world! We cannot begin to quote, for there would be no end. Brethren, get the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York for 1900 and put it in your libraries, and read it to your children as an invaluable addition to American classics."

Our brother portrays a very pretty incident with reference to **LAFAYETTE** and **Col. HARRY LIVINGSTON**, but it is not applicable to the portrait, which is that of the **HON. ROBERT R. LIVINGSTON**, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, 1784 to 1800, and whose death occurred in 1813.

M. W. MAX MEYERHARDT (*Rome*), Grand Master, and **R. W. W. A. WOLHIN** (*Macon*), Grand Secretary, *re-elected*.

IDAHO.

33d Communication.

BOISE.

September 11, 1900.

M. W. JOHN C. MUERMAN, Grand Master, the representatives of twenty-four Lodges, and New York by **M. W. CHARLES HIMBOD**.

The Grand Master reported a steady and substantial growth of the Fraternity. One new Lodge had been created by dispensation. Every Lodge had been visited, the record of the Treasurer and Secretary examined, and the inevitable conclusion expressed, "a good Secretary is a blessing to any Lodge, and a poor one should have a *good* assistant."

The Grand Master had caused notice to be sent to every Lodge of the action of the Grand Lodge last year in regard to non-affiliates, with the requirement that it should be strictly enforced. The result of his investigation had demonstrated to him the futility of an attempt to enforce a compliance with the law, and he recommended its repeal.

This matter had the consideration of the Grand Lodge, and we are glad to note that the regulation adopted in 1897, requiring every non-affiliated Mason to petition for affiliation, and that of 1899, requiring Masters of Lodges to make diligent search for all non-affiliates, and in the event of failure to do so, subjecting the Master to removal from office, etc., were, in both instances, repealed. We have never favorably regarded this radical legislation, and the experience of our brethren proves it to have been unwise.

The Grand Master advanced the opinion "that no Mason should be permitted to engage in the liquor traffic and retain his membership in the Lodge," and in the consideration thereof the Grand Lodge held "that such cases should be left to the action of the Lodges interested."

The Grand Lodge denied recognition to the United Grand Lodge of Mexico. It was ordered that if the Grand Orient of Belgium did not see its way clear to sever its friendly relations with the Grand Orient of France before the next Annual Communication, fraternal relations be withdrawn.

An appropriation of fifty dollars was made for the relief of the sufferers by the cyclone which visited Galveston, Tex., September 8, 1900.

The Grand Lodge attended a reception and banquet given by Boise Lodge, No. 2, and Adah Chapter, No. 8, O. E. S.

As a frontispiece to the proceedings, we have a half-tone picture of the representatives of the Grand Lodge. Very good, indeed, but we could hardly accomplish that in New York.

Receipts, \$3,063.70; disbursements, \$2,133.91, and balance on hand, \$3,470.13. Orphan Fund and interest, \$33,241.26.

Next Annual Communication, Boise, September 10, 1901.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Correspondence (116 pp.), M. W. FRED. G. MOCK, fully covers the proceedings of fifty-four Grand Lodges, including New York for 1900.

Noticing his remark under IOWA, respecting enforced affiliation, we presume we are perfectly safe in saying that the action at the present session (IDAHO) "soaked the thing off."

We express, on behalf of our associate, W. EMIL FRENKEL, his appreciation of the compliment paid in making use of his translations. Our statistical work is free to all.

M. W. GEORGE D. GOLDEN (*Rocky Bar*), Grand Master, and R. W. THEOPHILUS W. RANDALL (*Boise*), Grand Secretary, *re-elected*.

ILLINOIS.

61st Communication.

CHICAGO.

October 2, 1900.

M. W. CHARLES F. HITCHCOCK, Grand Master, the representatives of seven hundred and fourteen Lodges, New York by W. W. A. STEVENS, and R. W. ALFRED ROFE, Past Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, as a visitor.

The first business in order, after the formal ceremonies of opening, was an appropriation of one thousand dollars for the relief of the Galveston (Texas) sufferers.

The Grand Master, after pertinent reference to the growth of this Grand Lodge from seven Lodges to seven hundred and twenty-three, reported that the increase in membership the past year had been the largest in the history of the Grand Lodge. Two new Lodges had been created under dispensation, and a large number of public ceremonials were noted. Death had removed M. W. HARRISON DILLS, Past Grand Master, at the age of eighty-seven years. This brother had been for many years nearly helpless.

The Grand Master had made a large number of visits, and, being opposed to any undue Masonic display, had uniformly declined to grant "authority to Lodges to appear publicly clothed as Masons." Directing attention to a desire in some Lodges of rushing the work, he correctly remarked, "If Masonry is worth anything, it is worth doing well." But one decision was reported and very few cases of discipline. The edict forbidding the use of robes and other paraphernalia had occasioned some little friction, but the Lodges had conformed thereto.

Possibly the following resolution was designed to cover the costume question, subject, of course, to the chart:

WHEREAS, This Grand Lodge having established a chart setting forth the symbols of Masonry, and upon which are portrayed characters represented in the Ritual, attired in costumes and ornaments appropriate to their rank; therefore be it

Resolved, That such costumes and paraphernalia are as symbolic of the dress of the characters represented in, and illustrative of the Ritual, are appropriate in the exemplification of work, and are in accordance with the ancient traditions of the Craft.

Later we noted that the same idea had suggested itself, and in order that the intent of the above resolution should be made plain, it was ordered "that the chart referred to be presented to the Grand Lodge and the particular robes and paraphernalia specified be designated."

An embarrassment of riches led to the reduction of Grand Lodge dues from seventy-five to sixty cents per annum, and also of resolutions being offered to appropriate various amounts to the Illinois Masonic Orphan's Home, Illinois Masonic Home for the Aged, and the Masonic and Eastern Star Home of Illinois. It was finally decided:

"That all the assets in the Grand Treasury of this Grand Lodge in excess of the sum of \$30,000, par value of the bonds, be converted into cash, and less the obligations, appropriations, and expenses incidental to this annual communication be pro rated back to the Lodges from which it was contributed, in proportion to their membership as shown in their last reports, as the nucleus of a charity fund in each Lodge."

M. W. BRO. SMITH suggested that the Lodges contribute their pro rata share to the Illinois Masonic Orphan's Home.

The oration by R. W. JOHN FAVILLE, Grand Orator, upon "The Operative Mason: What can he tell us? This Mediæval Order: What can we learn from it?" is worthy of thoughtful consideration—a grand address.

We rather guess that the Committee on Foreign Correspondence will hesitate to recommend entering into Masonic relations with *all* the Grand Lodges embraced in the resolution offered by BRO. STEVENS.

Receipts, \$47,196.65; disbursements, \$44,458.29, and balance on hand, \$51,945.44. Charity Fund, \$835.17. General Fund Investments, \$90,800. Next Annual Communication, Chicago, October 1, 1901.

CORRESPONDENCE.

As a change (with our brother's permission) we are going to congratulate *ourselves* that M. W. JOSEPH ROBBINS has resumed the old method. It suits us and we think it will every one else. It is very full (328 pp.), covering the proceedings of fifty-nine Grand Lodges, and we pronounce it one of his best efforts.

From our brother's introduction we excerpt his views upon the action heretofore had by the Grand Lodge of Washington. Naturally he expresses his disapproval of the repeal of the edict against the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, and doubtless the failure of the Grand Lodge of Washington at its last Annual Communication to rectify this error of judgment will not be favorably regarded by him. The procrastination of the Grand Lodge of Washington in this matter is inexplicable to us.

We are induced by our brother's remarks to say that if the Grand Lodge of Washington would, as it might with good grace, disavow any intention to give a different status to any persons in another Grand Jurisdiction than that given by the Grand Lodge recognized as the only lawful source of authority therein, every element of contention would be done away with and harmonious relations completely re-established. It would appear to us that the welfare of our Institution should be the paramount consideration, and for its attainment mutual concession and forbearance should be the actuating spirit.

"A survey of the field for the year shows that of controverted subjects the question of Negro Masonry and the relations thereto of the Grand Lodge of Washington, occupies a large space, although no longer a foremost place in the deliberations of Grand Lodges. The heat of passion has passed and whatever of ebullition still remains is but the simmering which precedes quiescence. The action of that Grand Lodge in 1899, rescinding the action of the preceding year, which for two years made the negro question the one burning question before the Craft, has been so generally accepted as answering all reasonable demands that the agreement to consider the incident closed may fairly be called general, so that the notices of it during the year have partaken largely of the nature of the perfunctory. Some Grand Lodges, misapprehending, as we think, the scope of the 'Declaration' made by Washington synchronously with the act of repeal, have declined to consider the repeal as complete and still maintain their edicts of non-intercourse. This feeling has been strengthened somewhat by the approach to coincidence in time of the repeal by Washington of its edict of non-intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, with the subsequent action in 1898 relative to Negro Masonry, which was resented all along the line as an attack on the doctrine of exclusive Grand Lodge jurisdiction. We did not in 1898, nor do we now coincide with this view; still less do we coincide with the view that such an attack was intended by anybody in the Grand Lodge of Washington, but accepted in the good faith in which we then believed it to be offered—fully justified by the prompt repeal of the action complained of—the disavowal of any intention to give or attempt to give on the part of that Grand Lodge to any person belonging to another jurisdiction a different status than that given him by Grand Lodge which it had before recognized as the only lawful source of authority therein. But the event proved that our convictions were not generally shared and hence the repeal of the Hamburg edict, which with

our views we could not but consider unfortunate at any time, was doubly unfortunate from its untimeliness, occurring as it did so shortly before the act which subjected Washington to the suspicion of opposition to the 'American doctrine.'

"We have no doubt that the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington—for after all Washington Masons are pretty much like the rest of us—will be such as to satisfy the Grand Lodge most immediately interested in the Hamburg piracy—that of New York, and then the lessening ripples will disappear and the American Masonic sea resume its wonted calmness."

New York for 1900 has most cordial and appreciative notice; the "able and striking address of Grand Master POWNALL" having gracious mention.

There has been so much that has been unpleasant growing out of the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington—intemperate language and carelessness in expression—that it is a pleasure to note the fraternal spirit of the following:

"The Grand Master discusses, in temperate language, the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington in adopting at its communication of 1899 'a series of resolutions which,' he says, 'seemingly rescinded the resolutions of 1893, but which, nevertheless, in apparently unmistakable terms, reassert the vital principles of those resolutions, with widened and extended application.' In support of this view he quotes that portion of the 'declaration' which we have quoted under Mississippi, New Jersey, and possibly elsewhere, as proving a stumbling block to many Grand Masters and committees, naturally finding increased support for it in the failure of the Grand Lodge of Washington to restore the edict of non-intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, which failure he thinks deprived him of the right to extend to its declaration the benefits of a reasonable doubt."

He also thus comments upon the report of the Committee on Correspondence upon the same subject:

"We have for brevity's sake numbered the three propositions of the committee. Construing the words 'declared by other Grand Lodges,' to mean (as was doubtless intended) persons declared by Grand Lodges *within whose territory they reside* to be clandestine, then we consider the first proposition unquestionably true, but the principle could not be said to have been made effective unless the Grand Lodge to whose review the determinations of the offending Lodges were alone subject should refuse on complaint to review them, or upon such review sustain or condone them.

"With the last sentence of the second proposition we cordially agree; but we think the implication of the first sentence that the Grand Lodge of Washington does concede to its Lodges, 'alone and without restriction, authority of this nature,' is shown by the words which we have italicized to be unwarranted.

"We cordially agree, too, with the committee in the third proposition, provided the Grand Lodge of Washington means that in the exercise of the rights specified, her Lodges are exercising rights not equally reviewable by herself with other administrative functions wherein the Lodge must necessarily be the primary judge, performing its duties, as all Lodges do, at its peril."

The great trouble with the declarations adopted by the Grand Lodge of Washington (1899) is that it is seemingly impossible, in any consideration thereof, to entirely eliminate the discussion growing out of the original action of that Grand Lodge with reference to negro Masonry,

and particularly the views expressed by M. W. BRO. UPTON upon certain issues growing out of the discussion.

In the original report the committee said, "we are inclined to doubt whether the question whether a particular man shall be recognized as a brother Mason does not fall to the *Lodge* rather than the *Grand Lodge* to decide in the first instance."

Grand Master UPTON in his correspondence with Grand Master SUTHERLAND said "that the suggestion that New York may decide what persons hailing from the State of New York, Washington may receive as Masons in Washington was the enunciation of a new principle, such as he never heard suggested before." This, however, was simply the enunciation of a principle held by New York, and we think equally true as to all Grand Lodges which hold to the doctrine of exclusive Grand Lodge territorial jurisdiction, "That there are no regular Lodges of Freemasons within the State of New York but such as hold warrants issued by her and subject to her obedience."

The new principle (?) was simply an assertion "that one Grand Lodge was bound to respect the Masonic status given by sister Grand Lodges to individuals and Lodges within their several grand jurisdictions, and that the competency of such action could not be questioned."

There is such a multiplicity of words in the declaration of 1899 that it is impossible to arrive at a satisfactory solution and particularly so in reference to what is intended by the claim advanced in the *tenth*. "It (the Grand Lodge of Washington) totally repudiates, as a recent innovation and one destructive of harmony and subversive of inalienable rights, the idea that a Grand Lodge or its constituent Lodges are legally or morally bound by regulations adopted without their consent by other Grand Lodges."

The settlement of this one point would go a good ways toward simplifying much which has an element of indefiniteness. It may be thoroughly understood by our brethren of Washington, but not equally clear to others. However we concede they are simply opinions and as such harmless until un-masonically applied, which we do not think ever will be the case.

As we of New York are specially interested in all that has a bearing upon the Grand Lodge of Hamburg question, we avail ourselves of the following under *New Zealand*. We commend it to the attention of our brethren of the Grand Lodge of Washington.

"The Grand Lodge of Hamburg had expressed a willingness to enter into fraternal relations. This, too, was agreed to. Of course the Grand Lodge of New Zealand with its yet comparatively limited familiarity with the history of the relations of distant Grand Lodges, is more excusable for making a *mesalliance* than a cis-Atlantic body of the same age, but we regret to see it entering into fraternal relations with a freebooter like Hamburg that has been justly outlawed for its piracy by all American Grand Lodges."

M. W. CHARLES F. HITCHCOCK (*Peoria*), Grand Master, *re-elected*,
and R. W. J. H. C. DILL (*Bloomington*), Grand Secretary, *re-elected*.

INDIANA.

79th Communication.

INDIANAPOLIS.

May 22, 1900.

M. W. WILLIAM GEAKE, Grand Master, the representatives of four hundred and ninety-three Lodges, fourteen Past Grand Masters, and New York by M. W. WILLIAM E. ENGLISH.

The Grand Master made due announcement of the deaths of three honored Craftsmen occurring the past year, viz.: M. W. NICHOLAS R. RUCKLE, Past Grand Master, M. W. JACOB J. TODD, Past Grand Master, and W. RICHARD W. THOMPSON.

Eloquent and most generous tributes of fraternal affection and high appreciation were adopted by the Grand Lodge in each instance. M. W. BRO. TODD was an eminent lawyer. W. BRO. THOMPSON, known as the "silver-tongued orator," had been complimented with honorary membership by the Grand Lodge in recognition of the masterly address delivered by him upon the occasion of the celebration of the semi-centennial of this Grand Lodge, and M. W. BRO. RUCKLE was widely known through his able reports on correspondence. He held that appointment at the time of his death. Of him it was truly said:

"BRO. RUCKLE was, perhaps, the highest type of a Mason, made great not merely by the honors that showered his pathway, but by the innate goodness and noble qualities of the man. To him the bonds that bind Masons each to the other were realities, and his large heart beat responsive to every call to Masonic duty."

The Grand Master had created ten Lodges under dispensation and reported a number of public ceremonial occasions. A complaint having been made against a Lodge in this jurisdiction, by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in that said Lodge had made a Mason of a candidate rejected some nine years before by a Lodge in Pennsylvania; the Grand Master in his reply thereto very concisely sums up the case:

"Any man coming to Indiana can, after six months residence, petition any Lodge within whose jurisdiction he may reside, and if found worthy, receive the degrees of Masonry. And if he has been rejected by any other Lodge in this or any other jurisdiction, any Lodge within whose jurisdiction such person shall reside may, after the lapse of one year from the time of such rejection, receive his petition. If such person is then made a Mason, he is lawfully made, according to the laws of the Grand Lodge of the State of Indiana. Mr. KREAR in Pennsylvania, and BRO. KREAR in Indiana, is a just and legally made Mason, entitled to all the rights and benefits of a Master Mason, and as such the Grand Lodge of Indiana recommends him to the great Masonic Fraternity throughout the world; the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania included."

This is but another instance wherein the difference in the application of the principle of perpetual jurisdiction arises. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania claiming perpetual jurisdiction, whereas the Grand Lodge of Indiana does not. Each Grand Lodge is right according to the law governing their respective jurisdictions, and the necessity of some general understanding is but emphasized.

Upon intelligence of the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington, June, 1899, the Grand Master had revoked the edict of non-intercourse with said Grand Lodge. From the official decisions reported, we note the following:

"Question 1.—Is it proper to allow the active pall-bearers at a Masonic funeral, while clothed as Master Masons, to wear also regalia representing other organizations or societies?

"Answer.—The active pall-bearers should be Master Masons and clothed as such, and should not wear any part of a uniform representing any other organization or society whatever.

"Question 4.—Can a Masonic Lodge owning the upper story of a building, but not owning or controlling the lower part of such building, lawfully meet as a Lodge when such lower part is used for the sale of intoxicating liquors?

"Answer.—I know of no law which prevents a Lodge from holding their meetings in a building where intoxicating liquors are sold; but for the moral effect, it should be avoided.

"Question 5.—Does it bar a man from becoming a member of a Lodge who rents or leases a building for saloon purposes?

"Answer.—No.

"Question 6.—Can a Lodge by its By-laws fix the dues so that members living outside of a certain radius from the Lodge shall pay less than those who live within such radius?

"Answer.—Section 80 of the General Regulations requires the Lodge to assess the dues upon each member annually, and in my opinion it would be un-Masonic to make any distinction on account of distance among its members. There should not be a favored few, but all should be treated on the same common level."

We are unable to see wherein the by-law, under the last decision, would be un-Masonic. In our judgment a Lodge would have the right to determine the matter for itself. We have known of its being done in this State, city members paying a larger sum than those residing in the country.

A memorial was presented protesting against a custom prevalent in this Grand Lodge—upon the motion of some brother and a vote of the members—of authorizing the Grand Master or other Grand Officers to cast the entire vote of the membership of the Grand Lodge for various brothers for different offices; the claim being made that thereby members were deprived of an individual right conceded by the regulation of the Grand Lodge. This point would appear to be well taken by reason of the following provision:

"SECTION XII. In all elections, and in the decision of all questions arising before the Grand Lodge, each member shall have one vote, except the Tiler, and a majority of all the votes cast shall govern."

In order to correct this violation of the Grand Lodge By-laws the Grand Lodge concurred in the following recommendation reported by the Committee on Jurisprudence:

"Resolved, That in the election of officers at the May session, 1900, of the Grand Lodge, said Section XII be strictly complied with, and that the ballot be taken separately for each elective officer, so that each representative shall have the right to cast his vote as his conscience may dictate for the best interest of the Grand Lodge."

While a motion would be entirely out of order, it would seem to us

that wherein but one brother was in nomination it could be done by *unanimous consent*. Election in such cases is a matter of form and the saving of time to the Grand Lodge is a consideration.

A full report was made of the Washington Memorial ceremonies, including a reproduction of the address delivered by BRO. WILLIAM McKINLEY, President of the United States.

Upon application for recognition by the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico, under the report of the Committee on Correspondence, the Grand Lodge decided:

"That one Grand Lodge may not with prudence or safety accord recognition to another 'except upon the most thorough showing and unquestionable proof of its regularity and sovereign standing before the Masonic world,' the insufficiency of which in the present instance constrains us to recommend the postponement of all action therein until further proof or future circumstances may bring the question again before the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

"By this action our Grand Lodge will neither admit nor deny the regularity of the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico. It may be that the 'Assembly of September 20, 1885,' may have possessed all the legitimate elements necessary for the formation of a Grand Lodge, making the first organization regular; and it is equally possible—indeed, more probable—that the reorganization inaugurated on the 27th of February, and perfected on the 2d of April last under a representation of 'five of the Lodges which existed after the force of circumstances had paralyzed their working,' was equivalent to a Convention, under which Grand Lodges are usually organized. Under either of these situations our brethren in Porto Rico have probably such love and zeal for our noble Institution as will induce them to maintain their present organization until, as citizens, they shall establish 'a stable government' for themselves, or have one created for them by the 'great Nation' which they apostrophize as having come to snatch them from the powerful grasp of former persecution."

An able report upon Mexican Masonry was presented, drawn out by the application for recognition by the Gran Dieta Symbolica of the United States of Mexico, having particular reference to the new Constitution adopted by that body December 1, 1890, and action therein was indefinitely postponed. We deem this, under the present situation of affairs, a very wise determination.

In connection with a case cited by the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, while agreeing with the majority "that Freemasonry is not a collection agency, nor to be used as a straight-jacket to punish a brother for not doing something, which to him, through misfortune, became an impossibility"; still we cannot but think, as we read the case, that the substitution of the minority report was fully warranted; *i.e.*, affirming the decision of the Lodge, expelling the brother.

Another phase of the voting question came up under an amendment to the Constitution "that *all* of the officers of the Grand Lodge be elected by ballot," but it was, upon a vote by Lodges, declared lost.

Greetings were extended by the several Grand Representatives, including New York, and we note that the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Washington presented his credentials and was duly received.

A very kindly act was that of the Grand Lodge in appropriating \$250 to the Grand Secretary and directing that he take a necessary vacation.

Appended to the proceedings is an interesting account of the ceremonies incident to the unveiling of the monument, erected by this Grand Lodge, to the memory of M. W. ALEXANDER A. MEEK. He was president of the convention, held January 12, 1818, to organize this Grand Lodge and at the election of officers chosen Deputy Grand Master, and, subsequently, September, 1818, elected Grand Master and re-elected in 1819.

Receipts, \$118,477.24; disbursements, \$19,002.95, and balance on hand, \$17,442.98.

Next Annual Communication, Indianapolis, May 28, 1901.

M. W. OLIN E. HOLLOWAY (*Knightstown*), Grand Master, and R. W. WILLIAM H. SMYTHE (*Indianapolis*), Grand Secretary, *re-elected*.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

27th Communication.

WAGONER.

August 14, 1900.

M. W. PETER B. ARTHUR, Grand Master, the representatives of seventy-eight Lodges, and New York by M. W. JOSEPH S. MURROW.

A brief address—to the point—from the Mayor of the city and a welcome from the local Masons was received and highly appreciated by the brethren of the Grand Lodge.

For a small jurisdiction the Grand Master's address seems to have been ample in length, thirty-five pages, possibly its minutiae might have grown out of the exactness required by the United States Government of a census enumerator. We must commend the Grand Master for his faithfulness in the discharge of his trust and the admirable manner in which he had solved many difficulties. Six new Lodges had been created under dispensation.

We note the following to say that we regard the action of the Grand Master as having been entirely regular and that of the brethren worthy of all praise. Briefly stated, a member of Doaksville Lodge No. 2, whose residence was about seventy-five miles from the location of the Lodge, had died. For reasons stated intelligence thereof had not been received and acted upon until about three weeks after the decease of the brother. A request was made that the Lodge should come and perform the burial services, according to the brother's dying request. It would appear that the remains had been deposited in the grave, but otherwise left open excepting a temporary covering. The Master asked permission to comply with the request, and the Grand Master having given his consent, the members of the Lodge "made an overland trip, facing the bleak December weather, over unfrequented roads, occupying five and one-half days," in the discharge of the last act of fraternal friendship. The Worshipful Master, in his report, said:

"My Dear Friend and Brother: We made the trip to the late residence of our deceased brother and repaired to the grave and performed the burial service in the following manner: We formed in procession

at the residence and marched to the grave, one and one-half miles—the kindred following in order. On arriving at the grave we formed around it in the usual form, removed the earth down to the box that surrounded the coffin, and then performed the burial service, making the usual deposits, etc.

"After the grave was filled, I planted a cedar bush at the head, then formed, and marched back to the residence, in procession, obtained a suitable room and closed the Lodge in due and ancient form.

The Grand Master most thoroughly cleared his docket with the exception of one matter—a letter from one JUSTIN PINNEY, of Washington, O., purporting to be "Grand Master of A. F. and A. Masons of Ohio." The terseness and comprehensiveness of the Grand Master's opinion, which, by the way, is a strong characteristic of all his decisions, cover the case exactly. He said:

"I have no feeling whatever in regard to this matter, yet I am at a loss to comprehend just how two bodies of the same consistency (both solid?) can occupy and fill the same space, at one and the same time."

Good and sufficient reasons were advanced by the Grand Master to induce a continuance of the efforts of the brethren in the furtherance of a Masonic Orphan's Home.

"Those of you who have not had the experience can form no conception of the vast amount of illiteracy, and the lack of school facilities in the rural districts of the Indian Territory. While engaged on the United States census this year, I found whole families who could neither read nor write; and one in particular, consisting of sixteen members.

"The children of some of our departed brothers are wandering aimlessly around, and growing up to man and womanhood without a smattering of education, or a superficial knowledge of the social virtues. This should appeal to our hearts and 'pocket-books' as nothing else can. Brethren! Let us lay the foundation of this edifice firm and deep; so deep that the seasons of adversity (which are sure to come) will not freeze it out. Do not get discouraged, but patiently continue to deal 'sledge-hammer blows' in behalf of the Home and ever keep in remembrance the old but truthful adage, 'Large oaks from little acorns grow.'"

Subsequently in the proceedings we note that eighteen Lodges reported seventy-one orphan children within their several jurisdictions.

It is impossible for us to devote any space to a consideration of the fifty-six decisions reported by the Grand Master. The style is individual in character, but the Grand Master rarely missed hitting the nail square on the head. Apparently the Committee on Law and Usage could not digest the material before them, contenting themselves with simply recommending "that decisions from one to thirteen be approved."

R. W. A. B. PRICE, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory near the Grand Lodge of New York, made a brief report and enclosed ten dollars as a contribution to a home for orphan children. The fund for the contemplated Home now amounts to \$2,416.13—the Lodges having contributed thereto the present year the sum of \$1,088.88—and in the furtherance of its interest a financial agent and necessary assistants were appointed to travel and solicit funds from the brethren.

The Grand Secretary recommended a yearly inspection of the Lodges, especially with reference to the duties of the Secretaries, in which direction there would appear to be scope for improvement. He suggested that

possibly the "District Deputy Grand Masters, who seem to be more ornamental than useful," might be instructed to give the necessary instruction.

At an open public session the Grand Orator, R. W. E. HAMILTON delivered an oration upon "The Theological Ladder," which is worthy of perusal and we regret that our space will not permit of more than this reference.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made a brief report, and it was ordered that the chairman be instructed to submit a full report at the next annual session. We note simply that portion having reference to the Grand Lodge of Washington:

"There seems to be a general feeling of disappointment at the manner in which the Grand Lodge of Washington rescinded the objectionable resolutions of 1898. The recession from the position, taken at that time, appears to have been half-hearted, and has left the impression that the Grand Lodge is of the same opinion still. Notwithstanding their indefinite utterances and doubtful receding from their very reprehensible position, most of the Grand Lodges have accepted in a Masonic spirit the rescinding of those resolutions and renewed their friendly and fraternal relations. . . . So far as Indian Territory is concerned let us treat that unpleasant incident as closed.

The Grand Lodge gave its endorsement "to the Order of the E. S.", not as being a part of Masonry, but as a most powerful adjunct to Masons, in its work."

The proceedings of this Grand Lodge comprehend but a small volume, but there is more of interest embraced therein than some more pretentious volumes. Our brethren are alive to the best interests of the Craft and we wish them every success.

Receipts, \$5,046.00; disbursements, \$4,229.20, and balance on hand, \$3,951.97.

Next Annual Communication, Durant, August 13, 1901.

M. W. JOHN W. PARKER (*Davis*), Grand Master, and R. W. JOSEPH S. MURROW (*Atoka*), Grand Secretary, *re-elected*.

IOWA.

57th Communication.

CEDAR RAPIDS.

June 5, 1900.

M. W. THOMAS LAMBERT, Grand Master, the representatives of four hundred and thirty Lodges, and seven Past Grand Masters.

Under escort of Apollo Commandery No. 26, K. T., the members of the Grand Lodge repaired to the place of meeting, where interesting exercises were held, a formal welcome by the Mayor, HON. BRO. JOHN M. REDMOND, music by a quartette, choir, etc. In connection therewith, the following incident is of record:

"Grand Master LAMBERT then remarked to the audience that he held in his hand the gavel (small ivory) with which the Grand Lodge would

be formally opened, and which had been used by one of his predecessors in the year 1852, and asked if there was any brother in the audience who had been present upon that occasion and heard the sound of that gavel, with the request that if there be such that he rise—the brethren were all silent, when Grand Secretary PARVIN arose and remarked that he was not only present, but that he had a very distinct recollection of having used the gavel himself upon that occasion. Grand Master LAMBERT responded that he was well aware of the fact, and that no other brother would respond, whereupon he took occasion, after a few complimentary remarks on his past history, to introduce to the brethren Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary PARVIN, who addressed the audience in a few remarks appropriate to the occasion."

The Grand Master recited the incidents of a pleasant year to himself and of prosperity to the Craft. It is especially pleasing to note a steady decrease in the number of suspensions for non-payment of dues—a good indication.

The deaths of M. W. EDWARD A. GUILBERT, Past Grand Master, and R. W. WILLIAM A. COLTON, Past Grand Treasurer, received suitable recognition. Eight new Lodges had been created under dispensation and four Lodges had surrendered their charters. One of the latter arose from a lack of harmony among the members. Efforts to allay the discord and strife proving abortive, the surrender of the charter was agreed upon and immediately thereafter twenty-three of the brethren petitioned for a dispensation for a new Lodge, which was granted. Under the rules and regulations of the Grand Charity Fund it would appear that much good had been accomplished. The misuse of the black ball called for sharp admonition on the part of the Grand Master.

Alluding to the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington, 1899, the Grand Master remarked:

"At the last communication of the Grand Lodge of Washington the objectionable resolution was rescinded. It is unquestionably true that more 'rescinding' might have been done with a great deal less verbiage, and the sentiment breathed throughout is strong evidence that—

" 'He that complies against his will,
Is of his own opinion still.'"

"But I am inclined to accept the act in good faith, and know of no reason why the cordial and fraternal relations heretofore existing between the Grand Lodge of Iowa and the Grand Lodge of Washington should not be continued."

The disbursements for continuous relief from the Grand Charity Fund the past year aggregated \$3,422.75. Of the benefit of this plan the Trustees say:

"The added experience of another year has more deeply seated our conviction that the present method of dispensing Masonic charity is accomplishing greater good, with less expense, than any other plan thus far suggested to this Grand Body, and we sincerely trust that we will have the continued hearty support and co-operation of the Grand Lodge, and of all the brethren throughout the jurisdiction."

The report on the Fraternal dead is a beautiful and appropriate paper. It was deemed unwise to make any reduction in the Grand Lodge dues. There appearing to be some question as to whether Past Grand Mas-

ters DEWEY and BROWN were masonically clothed, the matter was solved by their investment with "handsome Past Grand Master's Aprons."

The report of the Committee on the Masonic Library is profusely illustrated. It was recommended that an edition of the *Bulletin* be printed sufficiently large so that a copy might be placed in the hands of every Mason in Iowa. It is anticipated that the cost of this quarterly publication can be more than defrayed from the advertisements inserted therein.

The thanks of the Grand Lodge were extended to the Cedar Rapids *Evening Gazette*, for its special and illustrated report of the proceedings of this Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

Receipts, \$24,550.33; disbursements, \$25,746.66, and balance on hand, \$21,745.57. Grand Charity Fund Investments, \$6,400.

Next Annual Communication, Davenport, June 4, 1901.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The eighth annual report on Correspondence (121 pp.), by R. W. and REV. J. C. W. COXE, comprehends the proceedings of fifty-seven Grand Lodges—it is lovable throughout and we delight to linger with him. New York for 1899 has gracious attention—"the fly" is too small to notice.

We desire to present our brother's comment under Washington and agree with him that the document is a fine illustration of "the art of speaking much and saying little."

"A special Committee on Negro Masonry, of which BRO. JAMES R. HAYDEN was chairman, made a report which has been the subject of diverse comment in all Grand Jurisdictions. It is a singularly acute document, which, while saying much, really says little on the vital issue which has caused disturbance among the Craft. They defend sturdily and ingeniously; they confess reluctantly, and but partially; they withdraw nominally, but not really, from the controverted positions; they deny some of the naughty things with which they have been charged; they say that they won't do so again, and hope to be forgiven; and that the other fellows who have 'lammed' them so unmercifully are worse than are they, anyway. Their first resolution of the preceding year was reaffirmed; the second and third were repealed; but the plenary right of their Lodges to determine for themselves the status of all persons who knocked at their doors for admission was sturdily affirmed, with a 'What-are-you-going-to-do-about-it?' air and tone. Well, nothing. If RIDEOUT and BAILEY are admitted as visitors no volcanic eruption will occur in Iowa or New York; the acts of an individual Lodge in Washington are not subject to review by any other Grand Jurisdiction; why muddy the waters with such trivialities?

"A resolution to repeal the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg lies over for a year.

"Of the one hundred and sixty-four pages given to the report on correspondence, the larger part is taken up by BRO. UPTON's reply to critics and his historical defense of the positions announced by that jurisdiction last year on the question of Negro Masonry. His industry is apparent; his wide research appears much in evidence; for his abundant citation of authorities he is entitled to thanks. Yet, withal, his paper does not strike us as judicial, but rather as forensic; he had a case to make out, rather than a cause to adjudicate; he is polemic throughout, and irenic nowhere. The even scales of historic equity are never held by a partisan hand; and this remark no more reflects on Grand Master UPTON

than it does on many of those who disagee with him *toto coslo*. We shall not attempt to review or refute the detail views presented at present; we shall study the case with care, and meantime we thank Bro. UPTON for his collated facts; his conclusions may not command assent, but that is neither here nor there—to us or him.

What could be more generous than the following words from our brother's conclusion. Having no individual reference, yet they reach the heart of many of whom our dear brother had no knowledge, when he voiced the feelings of a true sympathetic heart. May our Heavenly Father have him at all times in His kindly keeping:

Let us read together brethren:

"To all who have been called to sorrow during the year we extend our tenderest sympathy in their loneliness and grief, and assure them that no chord awakens more universal response than that smitten by sore calamity. 'The heart knoweth its own bitterness,' but that very experience brings it into kinship with all other children of sorrow. Personally we may be strangers, but we are also 'brothers and companions in tribulation'; the ministry of suffering makes us of one family."

M. W. WILLARD L. EATON (*Osage*), Grand Master, and R. W. THEODORE S. PARVIN (*Cedar Rapids*), Grand Secretary, *re-elected*.

KENTUCKY.

100th Communication.

LOUISVILLE.

October 16, 1900.

M. W. JOHN A. RAMSEY, Grand Master, the representatives of four hundred and fifty-five Lodges, and sixteen Past Grand Masters.

The celebration of the Centennial of this Grand Lodge was held in "the Auditorium," on the 16th inst., in the presence of 2,500 Masons and their friends. A large portion of the programme consisted of exercises by the children of the Home. Addresses were delivered by M. W. J. A. RAMSEY, Grand Master, and SIR and REV. JOHN M. WORRELL, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky. We note in the Grand Secretary's account that the Grand Lodge had given directly to the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home the sum of \$576,200, which with the interest thereon, figured at \$312,650, would aggregate the munificent sum of \$888,900.

After a brief reference to the growth of this Grand Lodge within the past century, from five to four hundred and sixty Lodges, the Grand Master proceeds to discharge the usual duty upon these occasions. Dispensations had been issued for seven new Lodges, and the Grand Master refers in loving terms to the memory of M. W. J. SPEED SMITH, Past Grand Master, whose death occurred February 7, 1900. The Grand Master reported that he had ordered five hundred dollars transmitted for the relief of the Galveston (Texas) sufferers, and the Grand Lodge affirmed the same. He had denied permission to circulate petitions for aid, and many wise suggestions are embraced in his address.

Information was conveyed of the clandestine Lodges located in Ohio,

and also of the existence of a so-called Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons, with JOSEPH W. POMFREY as Grand Master, having headquarters at Covington, Ky. Connected with this clandestine organization are three Lodges and a Loyal Arch Chapter.

Of that which is and ever will be the joy and pride of this jurisdiction—the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home—the Grand Master said:

"There is not in all the world a grander charity, and it is the Mecca to which all Masons who visit this charming city direct their way. It is in no sense our asylum, but in essentials a home and a home in the sweetest acceptance of that beautiful word. It has done more to glorify Kentucky Masonry and to win admiration from the profane than any institution within our borders. Our children are taught industry, sobriety, good morals, and especially a reliance upon the Merciful Father, who always looks down in tender pity upon the fatherless and widow in their affliction. Kentucky Masons were the first to crystallize charity into this admirable system, and it is to-day in the very zenith of prosperity."

The Masonic Temple at Louisville, in which had been held the annual meetings of the Grand Lodge, and wherein had been located the offices of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, having been sold by the Directors of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, the necessary steps were taken toward securing new quarters. It is proposed to borrow \$100,000 from the Home Directors or elsewhere and purchase a lot and erect a home for the Grand Lodge.

It has been decided that the contemplated Old Masons' Home shall not be erected on the grounds of the Kentucky Home, but shall constitute a separate and distinct institution. The committee were directed to purchase a tract of land, not exceeding two hundred acres, for said purpose.

We learn from the report of the special committee on "Our Home," that the number cared for comprises 77 boys, 120 girls, and 14 widows—211 in all. The committee, with a just and commendable pride, say:

"Who dare picture to himself what might have been the history, the suffering, the distress, the life, the death of the ten hundred and seventy-four people, young, delicate, aged, and helpless who have been received and welcomed into our Home since its friendly doors were opened. Only in a Christian land has your work been possible—only to those incited to the work by the teachings of our Great Light, and prompted by Christian doctrines and examples, would, or could have come the conception or the execution of such a plan, such a purpose.

"The hand divine is certainly seen in the trestle-board designs which have been fashioned and limned by the Masons of Kentucky.

"The endowment fund is rapidly increasing, and we trust the time is near at hand when there shall be no fear whatever as to the permanency and stability of the great institution. With guardians of your wards, and custodians of your finances, such as the zealous, earnest, prudent, and capable Trustees and Directors, who have for years past given their time, talents, and labor to the upbuilding, strengthening, and perpetuating of your Home, you need have no fear or anxiety as to the honorable and praiseworthy results you so much desire and for which you so ardently long and earnestly pray."

A committee of three was appointed "to fully examine and investigate the condition and management of the Home in all its details," and make report at the next Annual Communication.

It was ordered that a Past Grand Master's Jewel be procured and presented to every living Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge.

Receipts, \$13,545.92; disbursements, \$7,766.79, and balance on hand, \$16,336.34. Invested Funds, \$9,100.

Next Annual Communication, Louisville, October 15, 1901.

CORRESPONDENCE.

An excellent report on Correspondence (132 pp.), reviewing the proceedings of fifty-eight Grand Lodges, was presented by M. W. JAMES W. STATON.

New York for 1900 has generous notice, although our brother is in error in the statement that the Grand Lodge of Washington had re-established the edict of non-intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Hamburg.

Our brother, in his concluding remarks, says:

"The question which has agitated the fraternity from one end of the land to the other is that which was brought about by the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington, had at its communications in June, 1898, and in 1899. Several of the Grand Lodges who had dissolved relations with the Grand Lodge of Washington have repealed their resolutions and restored that Grand Lodge to fraternal relations; but many of the Grand Lodges are dissatisfied with the unsatisfactory manner in which the Grand Lodge of Washington rescinded its action, and refused to restore friendly relations until the Grand Lodge of Washington more definitely defines itself. So far as this writer is concerned he is willing to accept that declaration of recession, although we do not believe that it is as frank and clear as it ought to be, but we do not believe that they will be willing to try the same scheme again. We believe that the united action of the several English-speaking Grand Lodges of the world, together with the voice of the several correspondents of Grand Lodges, with the exception of one, will settle the question for many years to come, if not forever."

M. W. WILLIAM C. McCHORD (*Springfield*), Grand Master, and R. W. H. B. GRANT (*Louisville*), Grand Secretary, *re-elected*.

LOUISIANA.

88th Communication.

NEW ORLEANS.

February 12, 1900.

M. W. A. C. ALLEN, Grand Master, the representatives of sixty-five Lodges, and New York by M. W. SAMUEL M. TODD.

We are glad to note the hopeful words of the Grand Master in the introduction of his address. Four new Lodges had been created by dispensation, and Freemasonry in this jurisdiction seems to be entering upon an era of prosperity. The Grand Lodge had been called to mourn the loss of R. W. A. W. HYATT, Grand Treasurer since 1875, of whom the Grand Master spoke in the most kindly terms.

The Grand Master in alluding to the declaration of the Grand Lodge of Washington, 1899, expressed the opinion that the aforesaid Grand Lodge "had not yet receded from her untenable position, but rather had

taken an advanced stand in its support." Quoting the opinion enunciated of the plenary right of Lodges to determine, etc., he continues :

"The physical right to do this by the Grand Lodge of Washington cannot be questioned. She is a sovereign body. But when she declares to the Grand Lodge of Louisiana that a spurious Mason emanating from this State—who is no Mason here—may be admitted to fraternal relations with the Masons of Washington at the mere dictum of her subordinate Lodges, this Grand Lodge, in the exercise of that same sovereign power, should, in behalf of regular Masonry, and constituted authority, maintain the edict of non-intercourse."

The Grand Lodge, through its Committee on Foreign Correspondence, coincided with the views of the Grand Master and decided "that the time had not yet come for the resumption of fraternal intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Washington." In their presentation of the point at issue the committee said :

"We regret to know that the Grand Lodge of Washington has not receded from her objectionable position, but has rather reaffirmed it. The matter at issue was that a man made in a Lodge proclaimed clandestine by a Grand Lodge holding jurisdiction in the territory so invaded, was authorized by the Grand Lodge of Washington to be received as a lawful Mason by a subordinate of said Grand Lodge. That in the case at issue the men were negroes, or that they hailed from Lodges derived from Prince Hall Lodge were but instances. The repeal of a resolution favorable to them, or the adoption of another in place of it, declaring all Lodges of Prince Hall obedience clandestine, would not meet the matter at issue. It would simply introduce the 'color line' and the question of race prejudice, and these issues the Grand Lodge of Louisiana has not and will not raise. The declaration of the Grand Lodge of Washington substituting for its resolution in favor of two clandestine negroes, hailing the one from Ohio and the other from Florida, or from wherever else they came, a resolution authorizing its subordinates to be the sole judges, subject only to an appeal to itself, of the status of all persons claiming to be Masons who knock at their doors, is a declaration that may, if they will, admit and fellowship with men claiming to be Masons, who have been clandestinely made in a Lodge planted, we will say, by the Grand Orient of France in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, or in a Lodge planted in New York or New Jersey by the Grand Lodge of Hamburg. We affirm that it is a fundamental principle of American Masonry that the Grand Lodge of Louisiana has exclusive jurisdiction in Symbolic Masonry in Louisiana, and that all Lodges in said State claiming to be Masonic, and not under her authority, are clandestine, and that the Grand Lodge of Washington cannot legitimize them; that a threat to do so is unfraternal, violative of the principles of Masonry, and, therefore, can only be met by a refusal to fellowship with a Grand Lodge who so wanders from those principles that are necessary to maintain its own proper Masonic character."

It seems to us that the committee in their illustrations go further than at the present there is any warrant for. It has yet to be determined whether, under the opinion expressed by the Grand Lodge of Washington, and against which sound objections may be made, she will commit any act of the un-masonic character indicated by the committee. The Grand Lodge of Washington has not yet said that "a spurious Mason emanating from the State of Louisiana may be admitted to fraternal relations with the Masons of Washington, at the dictum of her subordinate Lodges," and we doubt if she ever will. When she should do so, *then* she would justly be subject to non-intercourse. A threat to do certain things—qualified

though it may be—is not in our judgment good ground for an edict of non-intercourse or the maintenance of one.

We do not agree with the Grand Lodge of Washington in the authority ceded to its Lodges of the *plenary* right to determine for themselves . . . the status of all persons claiming to be Masons, etc.

We think in this particular a subordinate Lodge is subject to the regulation of the Grand Lodge, and also that one Grand Lodge is equally bound to recognize the status given by a sister Grand Lodge as to any so-called Masons or so-called Masonic bodies located within its jurisdictional lines.

In the present report of the Committee on Correspondence action was had upon a resolution which emphasizes the fact that the so-called *plenary* right of Lodges is subject to the control of a Grand Lodge.

"4. In the matter of the resolution of R'. W'. BRO. LAMBERT, *in re* the visitation of Lodges of our obedience by men claiming to hail from Lodges in Central and South America, under Grand Lodges not recognized by this Grand Lodge, your committee report: Foreign relations must, of necessity, be controlled in this jurisdiction solely by the Grand Lodge. It is a matter pertaining to her sovereignty, which she has not, and cannot, delegate to her constituents. Such rights, even in federal governments of the most limited kind, cannot be exercised save by such federal authority. A Lodge should not admit to its proceedings any visitor hailing from a Lodge under a jurisdiction not in fraternal intercourse with this Grand Lodge. Let it be understood that the Grand Lodge of Louisiana desires to fellowship with all legitimate Grand Bodies everywhere, who hold to the fundamental principles of Freemasonry, and will gladly do so. But let it be equally understood that there are bodies of clandestine Masons. This Grand Lodge is ready carefully to consider the claims to legitimacy of any, or all, of the Grand Bodies of Central and South America, or elsewhere, with whom we are not now in fraternal intercourse, and will gladly do so. But if they desire recognition, we take it that propriety requires that they should first ask it. We consider the proposed regulation highly expedient, in order that Lodges may be put on their guard, and come to appreciate the fact that not they, but this Grand Lodge alone, is the judge of the legitimacy of foreign Grand Bodies."

We note the following decisions. We should disagree with No. 5. Documentary evidence does not furnish what we understand to be comprehended by "lawful Masonic information." Such is only obtainable by due examination and satisfactory evidence to eye and ear of being in possession of the essentials which make a Mason.

"1. Is a Master Mason's daughter, after having married a man not a Mason, and being separated from her husband, entitled to any claim upon the Fraternity for charity or aid?

"My answer was in the affirmative. A Master Mason's daughter is always a Master Mason's daughter, when worthy. And when poor and distressed, she has a right to ask the protection of Masons.

"2. Can the Masonic degrees be legally conferred on a man whose left arm is off between the shoulder and the elbow?

"My answer was in the negative. I know that by this rule some men of mental and moral excellence are kept away from the Fraternity—still, the rubric of soundness of both mind and members is an inseparable barrier. And in the instant case the man's physical imperfection prevents a compliance with a necessary ceremony.

"5. That a dimit, when properly authenticated by the Grand Secretary of the jurisdiction whence it emanated, and the identity of the holder being satisfactorily established, constituted lawful Masonic information."

We congratulate our brethren on having triumphed over the financial embarrassment which had enveloped the Grand Lodge on account of its Temple building. The bonded debt in one year had been reduced \$12,800.

Charitable expenditures by the Louisiana Board of Relief, \$825.80. The Grand Lodge graced its proceedings with a beautiful expression of their esteem for M.^c W.^c SAMUEL M. TODD. This justly esteemed brother, now in his eighty-fifth year, and a Master Mason for over fifty-five years, it is earnestly to be hoped has many years yet in store for him. We unite in this expression of good will, not only on the score of personal acquaintance, but also in that he has honored the Grand Lodge of New York as its Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Louisiana for many years.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence were requested to prepare a full report for next year.

Receipts, \$19,767.22; disbursements, \$18,732.55, and balance on hand, \$1,343.95.

Next Annual Communication, New Orleans, February 11, 1901.

M.^c W.^c ROBERT H. CAGE (*New Orleans*), Grand Master, and R.^c W.^c RICHARD LAMBERT (*New Orleans*), Grand Secretary, *re-elected*.

MAINE.

81st Communication.

PORTLAND.

May 1, 1900.

M.^c W.^c WINFIELD S. CHOATE, Grand Master, the representatives of one hundred and eighty-three Lodges, twelve Past Grand Masters, and New York by R.^c W.^c MARQUIS F. KING.

The Grand Master made loving mention of the death of M.^c W.^c HIRAM CHASE, Senior Past Grand Master, and reported a very prosperous condition of the Lodges. Grand Representatives had been exchanged with the Grand Lodge of Washington. An interesting account was presented of the ceremonies incident to the Washington Memorial Celebration. We are specially interested in the following, which is certainly most gratifying to the many friends of M.^c W.^c BRO. DRUMMOND:

"The Masons of Maine would have been proud to have witnessed the great honor bestowed upon your distinguished representative, M.^c W.^c BRO. DRUMMOND, and to have seen how anxious Masons from every part of the country were to meet and greet him. Maine was first to be called in forming every procession, and whenever addresses were in order, M.^c W.^c BRO. DRUMMOND was first called to respond. I assure you, brethren, that throughout the length and breadth of this nation, and, more than that, throughout the world, his name, in Masonry, is a household word."

We quote from the decisions reported, the following:

"1. Has a candidate for membership who has been rejected through mistake the right to apply for membership again within six months?

"A candidate for membership only, can apply immediately after his rejection, to the same or any other Lodge. A candidate for the degrees of Masonry, even though there is supposed to be a mistake in the rejection, must wait the prescribed six months and then make a new application. The record stands that he was rejected and that must govern.

"3. Can a Masonic Lodge appear in a Fourth of July procession?

"Not as a Lodge or with Masonic clothing or insignia, but there is no Masonic law which will prevent the members of a Lodge appearing together on public occasions, but such appearances are not advisable.

"7. A Master may call any brother to preside *in his presence and under his direction*, and so long as the Master is present and directing the proceedings of the Lodge, the work may go on; but no longer."

The report of the Grand Secretary was concise as usual, about twelve lines. We are pleased to see that his salary was made six hundred dollars—certainly not excessive.

The following Constitutional amendment was adopted :

"A brother suspended from membership for non-payment of dues will be restored by the payment or remission of the amount due at the time of his suspension, at any time within five years thereafter; but after that time he can be restored only upon his application and a two-thirds vote of the Lodge, after payment or remission of the amount in arrears."

Memorials were presented and adopted upon the death of R. W. WILLIAM O. FOX, Past Grand Treasurer, and M. W. HIRAM CHASE, Past Grand Master.

The report of the Trustees of the Charity Fund showed charitable donations of \$1,348. Invested assets are \$32,306.01.

Receipts, \$6,407.92; disbursements, \$6,272.33, and balance on hand, \$8,792.85.

Next Annual Communication, Portland, May 7, 1901.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To attempt in the slightest degree to present a review of the masterly report on Correspondence (292 pp.), submitted by M. W. JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, is an impossibility—it cannot be done. When we attempt to make selections therefrom we have such a surfeit we are at a loss where to end. We have so often placed upon record our appreciation of the value of his labors, the benefit to be derived therefrom, and our admiration for him as a man and a Mason, that even this recognition seems superfluous. The proceedings of sixty-one Grand Lodges have most thorough consideration. It is especially pleasing to us to know that his ability received such a generous mark of appreciation at the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. Honorable to him and equally so to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

Throughout the report our brother gives due consideration to the various conceptions as to the effect of the declaration of the Grand Lodge of Washington, 1890, and we agree in the following conclusion. We of New York would like to see the disposition to "maintain" exemplified. There is seemingly an apparent disinclination to concede to the Grand Lodge of New York the right to exclusive jurisdiction over its own territory, viz.: the Hamburg question.

"The Washington matter is fast becoming settled; we have been confident that in spite of the bitter talk of a few men, the large mass of the craft in this jurisdiction are in accord with their brethren elsewhere, and there will be no more occasion for complaint, and we are now more confident than ever that such is the case. We hope the Grand Lodges which have not repealed the edict of non-intercourse, will do so at their next session. We have abundant reason to believe that the efforts of the authors of this mischief to make their Washington brethren believe that the edicts of non-intercourse were prompted by hostility to them, or by an intention to 'draw the color line,' or were an attack on the sovereignty of the Grand Lodge of Washington, have ceased to have any effect; and that our Washington brethren will be found ready to maintain on all occasions the inherent right of a Grand Lodge to exclusive jurisdiction in its own territory, including the right to determine, for the whole world, the *status* of any body claiming to be a Lodge situate in its territory, and of every person claiming to have been made a Mason therein."

In connection therewith we propose to present a few of the points made in reference to the position taken by the Grand Lodge of Washington.

Delaware. "Grand Lodges are held responsible for their acts, and not for *opinions*, unless accompanied by acts."

Iowa. "We hold that a man cannot be admitted as a visitor into a Lodge, hailing under a Grand Lodge which has not been recognized either expressly or practically by its Grand Lodge, and that therefore this was a question for the Grand Lodge to decide."

Georgia. "We are disposed to accept it, because the action was repealed, and we do not think that the objectionable declarations accompanying the action should be regarded as anything but a kind of Chinese tom-tom."

Louisiana. ". . . The suspension of Masonic intercourse—a grave course to take—should only be decreed for *overt acts*, and that declarations, however erroneous, as to what the Grand Lodge declares it has the power to do, and will do in future, are not sufficient . . . and that the Grand Lodge of Washington will never allow or justify the practical putting in operation of the declarations of that report."

New York for 1899 has appreciative consideration, and a generous personal tribute was paid to the memory of the late R. W. CHARLES E. IDE. For our brother's kind personal mention we are a debtor. We note the following:

"There has never been a time when the other Grand Lodges recognized any more than one Grand Lodge in New York. Other bodies that have existed there have never been recognized, and the Masons made under their authority were recognized only after they had been 'regularized' by the lawful Grand Lodge in accordance with the law of Masonry enacted in 1717, when the Grand Lodge system was originated."

M. W. WINFIELD S. CHOATE (*Augusta*), Grand Master, *re-elected*, and R. W. STEPHEN BERRY (*Portland*), Grand Secretary, *re-elected*.

MARYLAND.*114th Communication.**BALTIMORE.**November 20, 1900.*

R. W. JOHN A. RUSSELL, Deputy Grand Master, Acting Grand Master, and the representatives of ninety-eight Lodges.

Grand Master SHRYOCK having gone to Mount Clements, Mich., on account of a rheumatic trouble, his annual address was read by the Deputy Grand Master.

It is therein stated that no decisions on questions of Masonic law had been asked for, and that peace and prosperity characterized the Craft. The death of R. W. WILLIAM H. CLARK, Past Deputy Grand Master, had fraternal mention and record was made of his bequest (by will) of \$1,000 to the Charity Fund of this Grand Lodge.

We find little in the proceedings of this Grand Body of interest outside of this Grand Jurisdiction, and we present the following, from the Committee on the Grand Master's Address, as a most fitting compliment to a most valued member of this Masonic commonwealth:

"The remarkable vigor of the venerable chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, BRO. E. T. SCHULTZ, finds appropriate mention, and here in his own home we rely so implicitly on his Masonic lore, as the great treasure house for all such information, that we regard it as a paradox, that nothing escapes his vision and yet he cannot see at all. Would God some magic art could unravel the complicated threads of Masonic facts now wrapped up in the convolutions of his busy brain and weave a tapestry of his personal reminiscence and historical truths and give us such a chart as few men living could match and none of the fathers could surpass. President Lincoln once replied to a criticism of a General, who had been very successful but unfortunately yielded sometimes to the influence of liquor, 'You complain of his drunkenness; I wish some of the others could get hold of his bottle.' Some of us clear-sighted men would like to share in the light of SCHULTZ's darkness. 'Where there is no vision, the people perish.' We rejoice that he still points his telescope to the four quarters of the heavens, and chases the wandering stars to cover. His searchlight is on the alert for the sly torpedoes and he slyly blows them out of the water. We cannot expect him to give as much help to the new century as he has to the past, but we express the hope that the coming years may be blessed with a green old age, and that his wonderful works in the line of historical research will preserve his name through many generations."

Grand Master SHRYOCK, re-elected for the sixteenth time, was duly installed December 14, 1900, and it was decided to present him a suitable testimonial upon the occasion of his fiftieth birthday, February 27, 1901.

The memorial scroll embraces the name of M. W. JOHN S. BERRY, Past Grand Master, whose death occurred January 3, 1901.

Receipts, \$36,593.36; disbursements, \$27,523.57, and balance on hand, \$9,069.48.

Next Annual Communication, Baltimore, November, 1901.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Correspondence (112 pp.), embraces a review of the proceedings of fifty-three Grand Lodges, including New York for 1900, which has kind and fraternal notice.

We can well apprehend the disadvantages and difficulties attending the preparation of this report, e'en through the aid of a reader and amanuensis, and we congratulate R. W. EDWARD T. SCHULTZ, chairman, upon the success attained. We trust our brother may be spared for many years to give us the benefit of his knowledge.

M. W. THOMAS J. SHRYOCK (*Baltimore*), Grand Master, *re-elected*, and R. W. JACOB H. MEDAIRE (*Baltimore*), Grand Secretary, *re-elected*.

MASSACHUSETTS.

165th Anniversary.

BOSTON.

December 27, 1899.

Quarterly Communication, March 8, 1899.

M. W. CHARLES C. HUTCHINSON, Grand Master.

Fraternal relations were ordered resumed with the Grand Lodge of Peru.

Quarterly Communication, June 14, 1899.

Plans were suggested by the Grand Master for the dedication of the Temple, and the time and manner thereof were left to him with power.

The Recording Grand Secretary, in a lengthy and interesting report, directed attention to the renewal of the claim "that Philadelphia was the Mother City of Freemasonry in America." In the archives of this Grand Lodge they have a copy of the Franklin Constitutions (purchased at a sale of rare works), and bound up with it are thirty pages of manuscript relating to the early history of Freemasonry in Boston. It was claimed to be in the handwriting of Benjamin Franklin, but the subsequent investigations of our brother had demonstrated that claim to be unfounded. It appears to have been convincingly established that it was in the handwriting of Francis Betaille, who was for a time the Secretary of the First Masonic Lodge in Boston, and whose name appeared in that capacity among the list of officers and members of the Lodge in this very manuscript. The manuscript is invaluable to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and embraces the petition of the First Lodge in Boston to HENRY PRICE, and the statement that he granted the warrant and constituted the Lodge; the By-Laws that were adopted in 1733 by the First Lodge in Boston, what is now St. John's Lodge; a list of members of the Lodge at that time, or about that time; votes of the Lodge passed between March 12, 1734, and February 9, 1736; copy of the Deputation of ROBERT THOMLINSON as Provincial Grand Master of New England; and copies of letters from Glasgow Kilwinning Lodge, February 22, 1736, and a Lodge in Edinburgh, January 28, 1736 [O. S.].

We note in one of the addresses made upon a ceremonial occasion the following claim is made: "To Massachusetts belongs the honor of first introducing Freemasonry into America. April 30, 1733, the Grand Lodge of England granted a commission to establish St. John's Grand Lodge at Boston. May 30, 1769, the Grand Lodge of Scotland granted a commission to the Massachusetts Grand Lodge, also at Boston. These two bodies were united in one Grand Lodge, March 5, 1792."

Quarterly Communication, September 13, 1899.

Celebration of the centennial of Rising Sun Lodge at Stoughton, December 11, 1899.

Quarterly Communication, December 13, 1899.

Petition was received for a charter for a new Lodge.

The Lodge of St. Andrew, Boston, added \$500 to the St. Andrew Fund.

The assessed value of the Temple property was reported as \$758,000.

Authority was given for the issue of \$400,000 coupon debenture bonds.

The various Funds are reported as follows :

Grand Charity Fund.....	\$125,692 71
Sigourney Fund.....	6,709 11
Anthony S. Jones Fund.....	132 52
Lodge of St. Andrew Fund.....	3,228 31
John H. Collamore Fund.....	21,089 13
Otis E. Weld Fund.....	18,995 02
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	\$178,844 80

An appropriation of five hundred dollars was made to the committee on charity.

Stated Communication was held December 27, 1899, for the purpose of dedicating the Temple, installing the Grand Officers, and celebrating the Feast of St. John the Evangelist. A large number of invited guests, with the Masters and Wardens of the Lodges, made about six hundred in number. The dedicatory services were impressive and appropriate, the oration by BRO. SAMUEL J. ELDER being especially rich in Masonic data.

The Grand Master, M. W. CHARLES T. GALLAGHER, as toastmaster at the Grand Feast, was most happy in his introductions, and the responses by eminent brethren must be read to be appreciated. The Grand Secretary says: "The greatest enthusiasm prevailed and the whole festival was a delightful sequence to the ceremonies of dedication."

Quarterly Communication, March 14, 1900.

M. W. CHARLES T. GALLAGHER in the chair.

Various donations to the Grand Lodge for the adornment of the Temple building are recorded.

An amendment to the Constitution previously proposed, to make Past District Deputy Grand Masters permanent members of the Grand Lodge, came up for action. The report of the committee ably and convincingly set forth the evil effects which might grow out of this large and constantly increasing addition, possibly to the extent of over-riding the interests of the Masters and Wardens of the subordinate Lodges. The Grand Lodge

very wisely, by a vote of 321 to 23, coincided in the recommendations of the committee "that it be not adopted."

M. W. CHARLES T. GALLAGHER (*Boston*), Grand Master, and R. W. SERENO D. NICKERSON (*Boston*), Grand Secretary, *re-elected*.

MICHIGAN.

56th Communication.

DETROIT.

January 23, 1900.

M. W. FRANK T. LODGE, Grand Master, the representatives of three hundred and eighty-four Lodges, seventeen Past Grand Masters, and New York by M. W. JOHN W. CHAMPLIN.

The Grand Lodge was honored by the presence of a delegation of the Grand Officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, among them being M. W. E. T. MALONE, Grand Master, M. W. W. R. WHITE, Past Grand Master, R. W. R. B. HUNGERFORD, Deputy Grand Master, and R. W. J. J. MASON, Grand Secretary. In response to the welcome extended by the Grand Master, M. W. BRO. MALONE delivered a "most masterly address," concluding by presenting to the Grand Lodge "a beautiful gold-lined, silver loving cup."

Incident to the ceremonies of opening, the Grand Secretary called the Roll of Honor—embracing the names of Past Grand Masters who had finished their earthly labors (twenty-three in number)—and when the last one had been called, the Grand Master made official announcement of the death of M. W. JOHN S. CROSS. The Grand Lodge then united in the funeral Grand Honors in memory of those enumerated.

The Grand Master, as a loyal citizen of Detroit, voiced his personal welcome to the representatives of the Grand Lodge, and briefly alluded to the historic Masonic associations which cluster around that city.

"One hundred and thirty-six years ago—only thirty-one years after Freemasonry began its beneficent mission in the New World—a small band of British officers, cut off by their military duties from the refining influences of civilized life, began to realize that, even more than in their old homes, they needed here the solace of fraternal ties; and, in the wilderness, surrounded by howling savage foes, they erected an altar at Fort Detroit and kindled upon it a new Masonic fire, which, like the eternal altar-fires of the Jews, has never since been quenched.

"Detroit was the home of the first military Masonic Lodge. It was the birthplace of old Mother Zion, the first regularly chartered Masonic Lodge in this State, which, hoary with years, yet lusty with youthful vigor, the fifth largest Lodge in the United States, is still a conspicuous exemplar of the lofty principles of our beloved fraternity.

"This city witnessed the organization of the first Grand Lodge of Michigan. It was the home of its first Grand Master, the illustrious CASS. It saw the tumultuous life and premature death of that first illustrious Grand Lodge; and beheld the birth of its successor, the present Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Michigan. Here, for years, has this Grand Lodge met in annual communication. Here, for years, a committee of our most illustrious members

were wont, at each session, to call upon the aged statesman, our first Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. LEWIS CASS, and bear to him the felicitations of his brethren met in annual session. It is enough to fire one's brain and set one's blood to quicker coursing to read how the aged veteran, who had occupied so many lofty seats of political power, whose fame had extended even beyond this hemisphere to the stormy Atlantic's farther shore, as he sat in the slanting sunset rays of his life, would tenderly and lovingly reaffirm his allegiance to the principles of Masonry, and express his great delight at being spared to participate once more in the deliberations of the Grand Lodge of which he was so illustrious a member."

Attention was directed to the fact that as members of the Grand Lodge, in attendance in a representative capacity, their time and services were due during the entire session. Evidence was disclosed of a peaceful and prosperous year, with an increase in membership only exceeded by one or two years during the War of the Rebellion.

The Grand Master is to be congratulated upon having induced a very general observance of the regulation "that the Master shall cause the Constitution and Regulations to be read in his Lodge once in three months."

The legislation adopted last year requiring non-affiliates to join some Lodge before February 1, 1900, etc., had been put into practical operation by the preparation of the necessary blanks, and in connection therewith the Grand Master said:

"The question has arisen in my mind as to the proper method of punishing those non-affiliates who, after due notice, fail to obey the requirements of Grand Lodge by neglecting to petition some Lodge for affiliation. The provision referred to provides that, after the first day of February A.D. 1900, those non-affiliate brothers who have failed to petition some Lodge for affiliation shall, by virtue of that fact, stand suspended from the benefits of Masonry. This I believe contrary to the genius and spirit of Freemasonry. The laws of every civilized country provide that no man shall be deprived of his rights without due process of law—his 'Day in Court,' so-called. How much more, then, should Masonry, whose proud boast is that it dispenses even-handed justice, afford every one of its members an opportunity to make his defense before summarily severing fraternal relations with him. In my opinion, the legislation already adopted should be rendered effective by providing for giving proper notice to all voluntary non-affiliates on the filing of charges against the offenders, making it the duty of some one to prefer the charges, etc., duly defining the tribunal where those charges shall be brought to trial."

We regard legislation of this character to be unwise (at least) and productive of harm.

The Grand Master had declined to issue dispensations to Lodges to join with other organizations in the celebration of Decoration Day or to participate in parades and receptions to be given to returning regiments of Michigan volunteers in the Spanish-Cuban War. We agree with him that these duties devolve upon the brethren as citizens.

A large number of public ceremonials were reported together with many official visitations.

In response to a circular issued by the Grand Master it had been ascertained that a large number of Lodge rooms had never been dedicated, which being contrary to a decision of this Grand Lodge, viz.: "that no work should be performed in a new Lodge room until it had been properly dedicated," measures had been taken to correct the omission, and

seventy-one Lodge rooms had been duly dedicated the past year. We presume this covers the alleged desirability "because of the resemblance of the Lodge room to King Solomon's Temple." In this requirement it seems to us there is a material difference between rooms in buildings owned by the Fraternity and those occupied simply as tenants.

The Grand Master's address covers one hundred and four pages, treating of matters of importance in this Grand Jurisdiction. A prominent subject was the consideration of methods of charitable work, upon which a special committee is to report next year.

From the sixty-three official decisions reported we note the following:

"5. *Question.* One of our brothers is charged with having committed the crime of seduction, and the criminal prosecution is now pending. Should we prefer charges against him or wait until after disposition of the criminal case?

Answer. If the brother committed the crime he should be proceeded against. The fact that a criminal prosecution is pending, or may be commenced, should have no bearing upon the case. The question is, Did he commit a Masonic offense? If he did, he is guilty and ought to be punished. If he did not, his innocence ought to be established. I am not in sympathy with the idea that Masonry punishes a man because he has been convicted by the criminal courts of an offense. While the criminal offense and the Masonic offense may arise out of the same act, that act constitutes entirely independent offenses so far as the municipal and Masonic aspects of the case are concerned.

"8. I have been asked upwards of fifty times whether a candidate was the property of one Lodge or another, and have in each case answered that the question of territorial jurisdiction depended upon the question of the residence of the applicant, and that the question of residence is a question of fact. No one knows better than the applicant himself where his home is. He knows what his intentions were when he went to his present abiding place, and whether he did so with the bona fide intention of making it his permanent home. It is the duty of the Lodge receiving the petition, when a question of this kind arises, to inquire very carefully into the facts tending to show the applicant's residence, and, generally, no difficulty is found in arriving at a correct conclusion.

"15. *Question.* Can the Order of the Eastern Star form an Insurance Company and hold meetings in our Lodge rooms?

Answer. No. It seems that Grand Lodge sufficiently departed from its usual practice of prohibiting joint occupancy of Masonic Halls by the Lodges with other organizations, when, in 1897, it permitted the Chapters of the Eastern Star to hold their ordinary meetings in Masonic Lodge rooms. If the Order of the Eastern Star desire to form a business corporation, they must, so far as the Masonic Lodge rooms are concerned, find other quarters for carrying on that business.

"16. *Question.* What course should we pursue with a Mason who has a dimit and refuses to affiliate with our Lodge?

Answer. Section 12, Article XIII, Grand Lodge Regulations require unaffiliated brethren residing within this Grand Jurisdiction to petition some constituent Lodge for membership within one year from or after February 1, 1899. A non-affiliated Master Mason may join any Lodge in this State he chooses irrespective of his place of residence.

"There is no reason, therefore, why he should affiliate with your particular Lodge unless he chooses to do so.

"39. *Question.* One of our candidates who has petitioned our Lodge has moved over the line into the State of Ohio within the jurisdiction of the Ohio Lodges. Have we any jurisdiction over him?

Answer. Your Lodge has personal jurisdiction over the brother, and there is no legal objection whatever to your balloting upon him and giving him the degrees, he having been within the jurisdiction of your Lodge when he applied.

"48. The Tiler should never announce 'Several brethren, all vouched for.' The name of every visiting applicant for admission should be distinctly announced, so that any member of the Lodge who desires to object to the admission of such applicant may have the opportunity to do so.

"51. *Question.* When should the test oath be administered—before or after the rest of the examination?

Answer. Before. Unless the applicant will take the test oath he has no right to any further examination."

With reference to No. 5, the Grand Lodge concurred in the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence thereon:

"While the decision of the Grand Master is undoubtedly sound, yet your committee think it is advisable in all such cases to await the determination of the suit in the civil court, for the reason that action in the Lodge might prejudice the defense in the trial of the criminal case in the civil court, and undoubtedly would influence a jury prejudiced to him, and this, although the two tribunals are independent of each other."

Question No. 15 induces us to say that in view of the intimate relations between Masonic bodies and the chapters of the Eastern Star in some jurisdictions, it is well not to lose sight of the fact, that said order is in no sense under the jurisdiction of a Masonic Grand Lodge. We have the utmost respect for the members of the Order of the Eastern Star and good wishes for the prosperity of their organization; but we cannot ignore the fact, that altogether too much prominence is given to that Order in the proceedings of some Grand Jurisdictions.

We doubt the correctness of No. 39, as we understand the candidate had become a *bona fide* resident of the State of Ohio.

Fraternal relations were entered into with the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico and also the Grand Orient of Belgium. In connection with the latter we desire to note one point:

"Your committee finds that a treaty has been entered into between the Supreme Council of Belgium and the Grand Orient whereby the former has surrendered to the latter all control over the three symbolic degrees of Masonry, recognizing the sovereignty of the Grand Orient over all matters pertaining to those degrees within its jurisdiction and conceding its position as an independent Grand Body with all the powers of a Grand Lodge. This treaty was ratified by the Supreme Council of Belgium March 5, 1880, and by the Grand Orient of Belgium April 4, 1880, and both parties seem to have lived up to the provisions of the treaty."

An extended report was presented upon the subject of Mexican Masonry, concluding with a resolution denying recognition to the Gran Dieta Symbolica of Mexico. The Grand Lodge reaffirmed the legislation of 1874 and 1882 in reference to colored Masons, declaring all such bodies located within the territorial jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Michigan to be "clandestine and illegal," and denied the application for recognition of the so-called colored petitioners; presented at the last Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.

In the consideration of the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington it was held that the obnoxious resolutions passed in 1898 in relation to negro Masonry had been rescinded by the declaration of 1899, and congratulations were expressed thereat.

The affairs of the Masonic Home appear to be progressing satis-

factorily. Number of inmates, thirty-seven (27 men, 9 women, and 1 child), being cared for at an average cost of \$141.44. We note that there is a weekly stipend account paid by the Lodges which have inmates in the Home, viz.: "not less than one cent per member per week and not more than \$1.75 in any week, toward the support of each inmate sent." Other sources of income were, Grand Lodge per capita tax, \$3,891.90; Grand Commandery, \$500; Grand Lodge appropriation, \$800, and Grand Chapter O. E. S., \$37.50.

At the present session the Grand Lodge dues were increased from forty to forty-five cents, which would make the per capita proportion for the Home fifteen instead of ten cents as heretofore.

On the score of economy the report on Foreign Correspondence is to be discontinued, and, in lieu thereof, it was ordered that notice be given to "Brethren representing other Grand Jurisdictions at our Grand Lodge, that they will be expected to present at our next Annual Communication a brief statement of the condition of Masonry in the Grand Jurisdiction to which they are accredited, and that such presentation be limited to five minutes each."

Well, let us see. Say sixty Grand Representatives occupying about five hours. We doubt the duration of the plan.

The question of the physical qualifications of candidates elicited a majority and minority report. The consideration of this subject was predicated upon decisions made by the Grand Master, in five instances, declaring the applicants to be ineligible, viz.:

1. One who has lost a foot above the ankle.
2. One who has lost the first three fingers of the right hand.
3. One who has a withered left hand.
4. One whose right knee is stiff.
5. One whose left leg is one inch shorter than the right, and who is thereby compelled to step upon the toes and ball of his foot.

The Grand Lodge adopted the report of the minority, thereby declaring that said applicants (except No. 1) were not disqualified. This would seemingly be in accordance with the regulations governing this Grand Lodge, but it seems to us our brethren are treading upon dangerous ground.

"Section 1 of Article XIII. of the Regulations provides that 'No Lodge shall initiate, pass, or raise a candidate who lacks any qualification required of him by ancient usage and by a Master Mason's obligation.'

"But the section does not stop there—it further provides that 'Neither shall a Lodge confer any degree upon a candidate who is physically incapable of receiving and communicating, masonically and perfectly, all that is required by the ritual and work of the several degrees.' This section is not ambiguous. The difficulty with the decision is that it ignores the latter clause of the section.

"The first part of the section is general—the latter part is specific. The latter part of the section has no office whatever if not to take the question of physical qualifications out of the first clause and cover the subject matter thereof. Grand Lodge did not certainly mean to say that the loss of an eye, or an ear, or of a thumb, or of part of a finger, or a partial immobility of a joint, or the loss of several toes, disqualified an applicant, but that no Lodge shall confer a degree upon one who is physically incapable of receiving and imparting the ritual and work. The last paragraph of the section operates as a limitation upon the first. It covers the subject and clearly authorizes a Lodge to confer the degrees upon one who is physically capable of receiving and communicating the work."

Receipts, \$19,088.02; disbursements, \$17,634.09, and balance on hand, \$8,368.96.

Next Annual Communication, Detroit, January 22, 1901.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Correspondence (52 pp.)—R. W. JEFFERSON S. CONOVER—covers the proceedings of fifty-four Grand Bodies, New York for 1899 having one page. The report does not call for any mention. Our brother's ability in this field has been most convincingly established, and quoting his own verdict we express the hope that it may not be long ere we renew our greeting as heretofore.

"My task is finished and I am glad of it. I do not think this report is worth the paper upon which it is written, but it complies, in all respects, with the instructions given me, and such as it is, it is."

M. W. LUCIAN E. WOOD (*Niles*), Grand Master, and R. W. JEFFERSON S. CONOVER (*Coldwater*), Grand Secretary, *re-elected*.

MISSISSIPPI.

82d Communication.

MERIDIAN.

February 21, 1900.

R. W. H. H. FOLK, Deputy Grand Master, as Acting Grand Master, the representatives of two hundred and thirty-eight Lodges, and fourteen Past Grand Masters.

By reason of the absence from the jurisdiction of M. W. BRO. STARLING, the Deputy Grand Master had been called to assume the duties of Grand Master and his annual address is a brief review of the official work of the year. One new Lodge had been created under dispensation and fraternal allusion was made to the deaths of two permanent members of this Grand Lodge.

In his reference to the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington (1899), we incline to the opinion that in his inference therefrom he goes further than intended by the aforesaid Grand Lodge. Regardless of the opinion expressed in the declaration (to the terms of which we object), we do not believe the Grand Lodge of Washington would ever countenance any such un-Masonic application. It is also but fair to state that the Grand Lodge of Washington *has not* resumed official relations with the Grand Orient of France.

"Since our last Annual Grand Communication the Grand Lodge of Washington has adopted what it is pleased to call a '*declaration*,' in which it pretends to reconsider its former action relating to the clandestine negro Lodges in Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and elsewhere, but which in fact is but a mass of verbiage, the precise meaning of which is not entirely clear to the average mind, doubtless meant to conceal rather than to disclose the real intentions. There is, however, no real abandonment of its former proposition as contained in the resolutions of 1898, which caused

us to break off fraternal relations with that Grand Lodge; and on the contrary there is asserted a new and strange doctrine which is revolutionary, and in reality a greater menace to the Masonic institution than its previous action was. In this '*declaration*' it is asserted that each Lodge possesses the plenary right to determine for themselves—but for no one else—subject to review by nobody but herself, the status of all persons, claiming to be Masons, who knock at their doors, either for the purpose of visiting or as applicants for affiliation. That is to say, that a subordinate Lodge in Washington can set aside for its own purposes the judgment of a Lodge in expelling or suspending a Mason, or of a Grand Lodge in adjudicating an individual, or Lodge of individuals, clandestine. The mere statement of so wild and extravagant a proposition is enough to secure its condemnation. Practically a Lodge in Washington has the '*plenary right*' to set aside the action of the Grand Lodge of Ohio in expelling the members of the so-called '*Cerneau*' Lodges in that State, and the action of every other Lodge on earth, in pronouncing any organization whatever, clandestine or any Mason expelled, by absolving the Lodge members from their obligation not to recognize or hold Masonic intercourse with any but regular Masons. There is concealed beneath the flow of words in this so-called declaration, all that was bad and vicious in its resolution of the previous year, and if it has receded from any position asserted therein I am unable to perceive it.

"It is not astounding to find that a Grand Lodge which seems so determined, as this one appears to be, to set itself outside of the pale of Masonic recognition, should have taken two additional steps in declaring its '*independence*' of all Masonic control by resuming its relations with the Atheistical Grand Orient of France and the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, by repealing its edicts of non-intercourse with those bodies, as it did at the same Communication.

"I do not see how we can hold fellowship with a Grand Lodge which claims that 'it is amenable to no superior jurisdiction on earth,' and 'will not tolerate the slightest infringement from any source whatever upon its powers and prerogatives as the sole constitutional head of a body of *Independent* Lodges; and, in particular, (it) maintains that it is amenable to no superior jurisdiction under Heaven,' which declaration means, if it means anything, that it will not be bound by those universal laws which have grown up with the growth of Masonry and been adopted from time to time, as wise and salutary for the promotion of the general welfare of the whole institution, amongst which may be mentioned the charges of the Master at his Installation, the American doctrine of Grand Lodge jurisdiction and the obligations taken at the altar. So long as this is the attitude of the Grand Lodge of Washington, other Grand Lodges have the right to say that they will not hold Masonic intercourse with it, as being beyond the pale of Masonic recognition."

The Grand Lodge endorsed the views of the Acting Grand Master and declared "that the action of this Grand Lodge last year in severing official relations . . . was not taken too soon, nor was its action too emphatic."

The Grand Secretary did not forget to urge the claims of that eminently worthy charity, the "Natchez Protestant Orphan Asylum," and the Grand Lodge made the usual appropriation of five hundred dollars thereto.

The Masonic Home Fund amounts to \$24,247.42 and an assessment of twenty-five cents per member was levied for the current year. It was wisely determined to defer for the present any effort toward "the immediate and permanent location of the Home." A very good plan is to go slow.

We should most certainly agree "that it is un-Masonic and reprehensible for one aspiring to office in the Grand Lodge, or a subordinate

Lodge, to *personally* solicit the votes of his brethren." In reporting an increase of membership in the jurisdiction, the Committee on State of the Craft say, "Nevertheless, 'further light' is much needed, as darkness exists in some Lodges, which, if not dispelled, will cause their speedy dissolution."

During the session the members of the Grand Lodge made a special pilgrimage to the grave of M. W. S. PATRON, Past Grand Master, whose remains are interred within the limits of the city of Meridian.

We note the following decisions reported by the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence:

"*Question 1.* Should a member of a Lodge disclaiming his belief in the existence of a Supreme Being, be disciplined or given a dimit?"

"*Answer.* A majority of the committee are of the opinion that it would be to the best interests of the Craft to let him go in peace by advising him to dimit, but Bro. THOMAS thinks that he ought to be disciplined. We are agreed, however, that he must be gotten rid of. For reasons which we do not deem it expedient to discuss in a paper which must eventually be made public, we will lay the matter privately before the Grand Lodge for its consideration.

"*Question 5.* Can the petition of one who moves from the jurisdiction of the Lodge after it has been presented, be balloted upon and his initiation proceeded with?"

"*Answer.* After a residence within the jurisdiction of a Lodge of more than twelve months, a petition may be received at any time prior to actual removal, notwithstanding the petitioner may have decided to remove to another jurisdiction, and the Lodge may ballot on the petition after actual removal if it was presented prior thereto.

"*Question 10.* Ought a dimit be granted to a member who is *non compos mentis*, whether upon his own application or that of another for him?"

"*Answer.* One who is *non compos mentis* could not make a valid legal application for a dimit, nor could any one make it for him. Section 25, By-Laws, contemplates that there shall be a personal application. It is the duty of a Lodge to care for one whose mind is gone and there are no dues to be paid for him, 78—1876.

"*Question 13.* Can a member suspended for non-payment of dues be reinstated after his death, so as to permit a Lodge of Sorrow to be held for him?"

"*Answer.* No; reinstatement after death is an impossibility, 59—1887.

"*Question 18.* Brethren belonging to different Lodges have a quarrel in which one assails the other and is arrested therefor by the peace officers and fined, after which the assailant proposes a reconciliation, which is agreed to. Subsequently the brother assaulted objects to sit in Lodge with his assailant, and the Master sustains the objection without demanding the objector's reasons. Was the ruling right?"

"*Answer.* A member of a Lodge can object to the presence of any visitor, and no one can call him to account for it. See Digest, page 16. It rests with the objector himself to say whether the reasons are sufficient. The agreement in the magistrate's office did not require him to sit in Lodge with his assailant."

The Grand Lodge adopted resolutions complimenting R. W. H. H. FOLK, Acting Grand Master, for the able and zealous discharge of the duties devolving upon him in the absence of his chief, and conferred upon him the rank of Honorary Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge.

An addenda to the proceedings announces the decease of M. W. BROS. JOHN M. STONE and JOHN F. MCCORMICK, Past Grand Masters.

Receipts, \$6,018.46; disbursements, \$5,276.64, and balance on hand, \$1,156.57.

Next Annual Communication, Oxford, February 28, 1901.

CORRESPONDENCE.

M. W. and REV. ANDREW H. BARKLEY presented the report on Correspondence (112 pp.), reviewing the proceedings of forty-nine Grand Lodges, including New York for 1899, which has pleasant mention.

In commenting upon the action of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in making three candidates, Masons at sight, our good brother terms it *high rite* business. The right to do so cannot justly be disputed, its expediency is another thing.

Under WEST VIRGINIA, under the head of liquor selling, he says:

"It has long been the law in Mississippi that no one engaged in this business can be a member of a Masonic Lodge, and, so far as our knowledge extends, there is not to-day a man engaged in the saloon business, in any way, who is a member of a Masonic Lodge. The law requires that the man must quit the business or quit Masonry. There is no place in the Masonic Lodge for a saloon-keeper in the Grand Jurisdiction of Mississippi."

M. W. B. V. WHITE (*Meridian*), Grand Master, and R. W. JOHN L. POWER (*Jackson*), Grand Secretary, *re-elected*.

MISSOURI.

80th Communication.

ST. LOUIS.

October 16, 1900.

M. W. and REV. CONRAD H. BRIGGS, Grand Master, the representatives of three hundred and thirty-seven Lodges, and New York by M. W. NOAH M. GIVAN.

Previous to the opening of the Annual Communication the children of the Masonic Home appeared on the stage and entertained the brethren with beautiful musical renditions and entertaining recitations.

The Grand Master delivered a brief business address, reported the Craft in a prosperous condition, and the roll of Lodges increased by seven under dispensations. During the past year death had removed two Grand Officers and two Past Grand Masters, and a fitting tribute was paid to their memory.

While we are not a perfectionist, it would appear to us that our brethren of this jurisdiction had opened the doors pretty wide with reference to "physical qualifications." We believe it a good rule in Freemasonry to adhere very closely to the old regulations.

The Grand Master reported the affairs of the Masonic Home to be in all respects satisfactory, inmates well cared for, and the superintendent and matron thoroughly alive to the discharge of every duty. The accommodations for the old people being entirely inadequate, the Grand Lodge

made an appropriation of ten thousand dollars toward the erection of a building to be known as the "Old Folks' Building" at the Masonic Home. The decision of the Grand Master disallowing the meeting of Lodges on Sunday to attend church and to lay corner-stones of churches on that day, was affirmed by the Grand Lodge.

Complaint having been made of the introduction of liquors at a Shrine, holding its meetings in a Masonic Lodge room, led to the adoption of the following regulation:

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge, that the use of intoxicating liquors in a Hall dedicated to Masonry is a desecration thereof, and hereby forbidden."

The Grand Orator, REV. W. F. PACKARD, delivered a chaste and beautiful oration upon "The Language of Symbolism."

Various charitable donations were made by the Grand Lodge and also an appropriation of five hundred dollars for the relief of the Galveston (Texas) sufferers.

The Grand Lodge By-Laws were amended to read as follows:

"A Lodge, as such, may attend the funeral of a deceased Brother and accompany the remains being conveyed to the place of interment, whether the Lodge, or any other Masonic body, perform the Masonic funeral rites at the grave. But nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent the appointment of non-Masonic pall-bearers by the family of the deceased, or prevent any church or moral and benevolent society from uniting in the funeral procession, or from rendering its ceremonies at the grave, or prevent any civic or public demonstration of respect for the deceased brother."

The annual report of the Masonic Home for 1900 is appended to the Proceedings. Its condition and internal workings are reported as never better, which is very satisfactory to one interested in this field of labor. Number of inmates, 119, of whom 78 are children and 41 old people; net increase the past year, 5. Per capita cost of maintenance about \$128. The demand for the accommodation of old people had necessitated the erection of an addition at a cost of about \$20,000. Toward this outlay the Grand Chapter R. A. M. had contributed the sum of \$3,000, and it was anticipated that other Masonic Grand Bodies would follow suit.

The superintendent presented a very encouraging report and we must congratulate him in that "perfect harmony had been manifested in all departments of the Home, and scarce a ripple had disturbed the serene surface of events"—happy superintendent!

Treasurer's balance, General Fund, \$21,195.29. Endowment Fund, \$43,000.

Receipts, \$34,450.62; disbursements, \$31,636.17, and balance on hand, \$36,916.64. Invested Fund, \$10,000.

Next Annual Communication, St. Louis, October 15, 1901.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Correspondence (162 pp.), R. W. JOHN D. VINCELL, embraces the proceedings of fifty-one Grand Lodges. It is a paper of

exceeding interest, and our brother's method compels a thorough perusal. It is profitable to do so, however.

He is of the opinion "that the daughter of a Master Mason never ceases to be a daughter by reason of becoming the wife of a profane," which is undoubtedly so. He strenuously opposes the action of his Grand Lodge in 1898, respecting physical qualifications, declaring that "an innovation had therein been made, recognizing 'artificial appliances' as a part of the candidate."

We also note under COLORADO his remark, "I have seen men smoking during the most solemn work of a Lodge. I have heard the crack of matches during the obligation." It seems incredible to us that any such course should be indulged in or permitted.

New York for 1900 has, as usual, most generous treatment. We are pleased to note the following:

"The Grand Lodge of Washington at one time issued an edict of non-intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Hamburg for invading the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York by maintaining a spurious Lodge within its territory. In 1897, for reasons known only to one party in that Grand Lodge, the edict of non-intercourse was repealed, thereby recognizing the illegitimate and clandestine organization in New York holding a charter from the Grand Lodge of Hamburg. In occupying such position and relation to a clandestine Body, as well as the invasion of a sister Grand Jurisdiction, the Grand Lodge of Washington could not expect to be recognized as acting in good Masonic faith, and the Grand Lodge of New York could not approve such actions as taken by the Grand Lodge of Washington, and, therefore, held in abeyance any action looking to the restoration of cordial relations previously existing between the two Grand Lodges. It occurs to this writer that a spirit of infatuation must have taken possession of somebody in the Grand Lodge of Washington."

His approval is expressed of the position maintained by the Grand Lodge of New York in the Pennsylvania matter, viz.: "that material rejected by any of its Lodges may seek Masonic privileges in other jurisdictions after complying with their laws as to residence."

He but expressed a self-evident truth wherein he says: "I do not hesitate to say that the administration of Grand Master POWNALL measured up in ability and service to the standard established by his predecessors."

Referring to our suggestion of last year regarding some Home matters, our brother says:

"The truth is, our Home Visiting Committee is an accident. It has no function under the law. Our Home is governed by a Board of Directors, five of whom reside in St. Louis, and are in constant touch with the institution. They are considerate, capable, conscientious, and practical business men. They devote much time and labor to the management of the Home, and have succeeded admirably well in the direction of its affairs. The proposition made at our last session to add to the Board of Management some of our sister women would be regarded by said Executive Committee as calling in question the capabilities of said Board to control the institution. Being a member thereof, and Vice-President of the full Board, and having resided here since the foundation of the enterprise, I am of the opinion that the Executive Committee can do better work without any additional agency, whether the 'Home Visiting Committee,' or female auxiliaries."

M. W. CAMPBELL WELLS (*Platte City*), Grand Master, and R. W. JOHN D. VINCEL (*St. Louis*), Grand Secretary, *re-elected*.

MONTANA.*36th Communication.**GREAT FALL.**September 19, 1900.*

M. W. ANTHONY H. BARRET, Grand Master, and the representatives of forty-three Lodges.

Special Communication was held January 16, 1900, at Billings, to conduct the obsequies of R. W. HENRY CHAPPEL, Deputy Grand Master, whose death occurred while at Flagstaff, Ariz. This distinguished brother, rightly termed, we should judge, "the Beloved Physician," was highly esteemed. "The business houses of the entire city voluntarily closed during the funeral exercises, and every citizen, male and female, old and young, including the Catholic priest and Sisters of Charity, who were at the burial service, attested the universal feeling of esteem in which our deceased brother was held."

The Grand Master made affectionate allusion to the decease of R. W. BRO. CHAPPEL. He had visited many of the Lodges, and reports Freemasonry advancing with a conservative growth. By reason of ill health he had been compelled to test the benefits of the Hot Springs of Arkansas. We note that while there he had the companionship of M. W. JOHN C. SMITH and R. W. GILBERT W. BARNARD, of Chicago, Ill. Well, we don't know anything about the diet regulations of this place, the standard color of the ink, or the necessity of saluting the Old Flag, but our brother had a good pair to draw to. The Senior Grand Warden had the charge of the Craft most of the year and his report comprehends the official work. From the decisions reported we note the following:

"12. After the ballot has begun it should not be stopped. It is discretionary with the Master, however, after it has been ordered but not begun to stop it when a brother requests such action in order that he may satisfy himself as to whether he should make objection.

"13. When a petitioner has been rejected in a foreign jurisdiction and after the lapse of seven years petitions a Lodge in this jurisdiction, the foreign jurisdiction has no right to control. In such case, however, the previous history of the petitioner should be investigated before action is had upon his application.

"14. Though a petition for affiliation accompanied by dimit had been acted upon favorably under Section 2 of Article II. of the By-Laws pertaining to Subordinate Lodges, edition of our Constitution and By-Laws of 1896, the applicant was not and does not become a member of the Lodge until he has signed the by-laws."

The Grand Lodge Charity Fund, amounting to \$6,500, was merged into a Masonic Home Fund, and \$2,000 from the general funds transferred thereto. The Grand Lodge dues were increased to two dollars, fifty cents of which is to be devoted to the Masonic Home Fund. A committee was also appointed to receive bids for sites for the location of a Home, and also at the next Annual Communication to submit a plan for its construction and operation.

The correspondence incident to the presentation of a service of silver to M. W. CHARLES W. POMEROY, Past Grand Master, is a matter of record.

Recognition was extended the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica, and to the recently resuscitated Grand Lodge of Porto Rico, telegraphic greetings exchanged with the Grand Lodge of Colorado, and one hundred dollars appropriated for the relief of the Galveston (Texas) sufferers.

The local committee extended the courtesy of a trolley ride to Black Eagle Falls to the members of the Grand Lodge.

The Proceedings are embellished with half-tones of M'. W'. ANTHONY H. BARRET, retiring Grand Master; R'. W'. HENRY CHAPPEL, Deputy Grand Master (deceased), and M'. W'. LEANDER W. FRARY, Past Grand Master, 1867-1868.

Receipts, \$9,194.10; disbursements, \$4,277.01, and balance on hand, \$8,388.81.

Next Annual Communication, Helena, September 18, 1901.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Correspondence (146 pp.), R'. W'. CORNELIUS HEDGES, embraces the proceedings of fifty-seven Grand Bodies. Thirty years' service in this work stamps our brother as a veteran and his reports are like old wine.

In extending his congratulations and warm welcome to the Grand Lodge of Cuba, we note:

"The Grand Lodge of New York came nobly forward with timely relief, but we doubt not that those who only had words of sympathy and encouragement were gratefully recognized as true friends. It makes every citizen of our country proud to think that the strong arm of our government interposed in the fullness of time, and facing the peril of combined resistance from the great powers of Europe, save Great Britain alone, dealt the blow that forever paralyzed the arm of civil and ecclesiastical tyranny in the 'ever faithful island.'"

We note the following from his review of the correspondence report of the Grand Lodge of Illinois:

"The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts might have affiliated African Lodge without doing violence to any established usage or canon, and as we look at it, thus have saved a world of contention and prevented the irregular growth now so widespread. But it was a case for Massachusetts to settle and others should abide the settlement. We have always thought that the grant of that charter, soon after the close of our Revolutionary War, was intended as an insult to American Masons, who were particularly prominent in the overthrow of British authority in the United States. England never chartered any negro Lodge at home and never seemed to have cared for their colored offspring in America. Whatever difference of opinion may exist as to the regularity of African Lodge No. 459 while holding charter from England, there can be none as to the Lodges and Grand Lodges that have spawned therefrom in the century following. Difficulties insurmountable have arisen since. Though regarding the action of Washington as regrettable in every aspect and in violation of the established law of Masonic comity we think that many Grand Lodges disregard the demands of Masonic charity in hasty judgment and extreme action. We are not yet wholly satisfied with the action of Washington in repealing the objectionable resolutions. By implication her subordinate Lodges seem to be allowed to enter into friendly relations with anybody in the universe claiming to be Masonic. This looks like the abdication of a prime element of sovereignty."

Under WASHINGTON we note the following :

"BRO. UPTON denies that in the original resolutions at which so much opposition was aroused, and often unfraternally expressed, recognition was extended to any negro Grand Lodges, yet it seems to us that they allowed the Lodges and members of their obedience to extend such recognition, and still do so. We notice also that several British Correspondents and most eminent Masonic scholars, who must certainly be credited with being competent judges of language, congratulate him on such 'recognition.' We confess that at first it seemed to us that no subordinate Lodge or member thereof could hold Masonic intercourse with a member of a Lodge unrecognized by its or his Grand Lodge. It looks almost like keeping a promise to the ear and breaking it to the heart. But on further reflection we cannot sustain ourselves in this contention. When recognition has never been accorded, or having been accorded, is withdrawn, but unaccompanied by any prohibition of intercourse between members, it seems as if members were free to act within the limits of their own obligations. We have always been strenuous to uphold the rights of Lodges, for they are older than Grand Lodges, and their rights and powers are better founded in immemorial usage, and still more are we scandalized at the cheap estimate placed by a majority on the rights of an individual brother. It is a mooted question how far an individual can put his conscience in commission. Lodges and Grand Lodges take no obligation and have no corporate conscience to be bound, and if the brother who has taken the obligation finds one portion conflicting with another, his is the responsibility to determine which is the most binding. No one or more can share or shrive him of the responsibility. We do not understand that in the recognition extended by one Grand Lodge to another, there is any understanding that the one agrees to recognize all that the other recognizes and refuses to recognize all that the other refuses. It is simply conceding that within its legitimate sphere it shall be regarded and treated as the rightfully supreme authority. Montana has recognized many Grand Bodies unrecognized by others with which we are in friendly correspondence. We much more than trace our Masonic pedigree from England, but in this matter of exclusive jurisdiction, known as the American doctrine, it has never been popular in England, and for good reasons, for its contagion has spread to the British Colonies, not only on this continent, but in Australia."

Our brother says, "when recognition by a Grand Lodge after being accorded, had been withdrawn, the liberty is still left to the individual Lodges to admit members hailing from Lodges under a Grand Lodge from which its Grand Lodge had withdrawn recognition."

This doctrine does not present to us a reasonable aspect. We should say that a subordinate Lodge must abide by the decision of its superior—the Grand Lodge—particularly as to the regularity of sister Grand Lodges or Lodges and members thereunder. In this position we do not wish to be understood as undervaluing the rights of Lodges. In the Grand Lodge is vested the authority to enter into fraternal intercourse with other Grand Lodges, determining their regularity, etc., and the subordinate Lodges thereunder must conform thereto. The Lodges certainly cannot decide for themselves upon this point. To illustrate, the Grand Lodge of Ohio has declared that certain so-called Lodges located in that State are irregular. Would any of its Lodges, by virtue of any claimed immemorial right, be qualified to question the declaration of that Grand Lodge? We say not.

Take a recent case, that of the Grand Lodge of Vermont in withdrawing its recognition of the Grand Orient of Belgium, could it be claimed that should a member from that Grand Orient apply for admission to a Lodge

in Vermont, that the Lodge would have the right to admit him? We do not think so. The question had been determined by the Supreme Grand Body.

We entertain the opinion that under the usages of the Craft, a subordinate Lodge in one Grand Jurisdiction is not competent to question for itself the Masonic status of one who has been declared to be an irregular Mason by the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction from which he hails. The adjudication of the Grand Lodge having authority over the petitioner or visitor should be recognized in all other sister Grand Jurisdictions and the subordinate Lodges located therein.

In taking this position it does not appear to us that one Grand Lodge is in any sense interfering with the sovereign rights of another Grand Lodge, for the maintenance of that position is strictly in harmony with the doctrine of exclusive Grand Lodge jurisdiction, in which all American Grand Lodges (at least) are thoroughly agreed.

"Members may be free to act within the limits of their own obligations"—most assuredly—and said obligations are controlled not alone by the by-laws of the Lodge, but by the constitution and regulations of the Grand Lodge, and beyond that by the usages, customs, and general laws of the Fraternity which controls all—the Grand Lodge, the individual Lodge, and the member.

New York for 1900 has just consideration at the hands of our brother. Alluding to the Washington Memorial services held throughout the State, he kindly says: "We doubt if Virginia, or any other State, paid such worthy tributes to his memory."

Upon the Washington declarations of opinion he remarks:

"The Grand Master in speaking of the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington says, though repealing the most objectionable of its resolutions, it still reasserts for her Lodges and herself the right to judge of the status of all persons claiming to be Masons.

"So the British Parliament repealed the Stamp Act, but reasserted the right to tax the colonies. So the Grand Lodge of Washington has the right, i.e., the power, to recognize the negro Lodges of New York and the Pythagoras Lodge of Hamburg, but to do so would violate the recognized laws of comity. Undoubtedly the Grand Lodge of Washington has all the rights of other Grand Lodges, even that of England. The latter Grand Lodge has never acknowledged the doctrine of exclusive territorial jurisdiction, which is known as the American doctrine. In taking the Grand Lodge of England as the measure of its own powers, it looks as if the Grand Lodge of Washington repudiated the American doctrine of exclusive jurisdiction. We hardly think such was the intention and in its assertion of abstract principles it is not best to follow out logical consequences, as we know, from assertions in our Declaration of Independence, without limitation, that all men are born free and equal."

The good common sense of our esteemed brother places the Grand Lodge of Hamburg question within the limits of a very few words—it is all there however.

"Naturally, and we think justly, New York is aggrieved at the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington, not only in asserting its right to recognize negro Lodges, but in having repealed its resolution of non-intercourse with Hamburg. If the latter was unintentional, it would have been naturally expected that the first opportunity would have been improved to correct it. Surely Washington has as much interest as any American jurisdiction in maintaining the American doctrine of exclusive jurisdic-

tion. It can gain nothing by weakening the foundation on which its own claim stands. It may be the peer of the Grand Lodge of England, but it is no more than the peer of any American Grand Lodge. This nervous excitability manifested in asserting its plenary sovereignty is not a good symptom. We look for calmer counsels and a frank acknowledgment of all the just claims of comity."

M. W. THOMAS BRANTLY (*Helena*), Grand Master, and R. W. CORNELIUS HEDGES (*Helena*), Grand Secretary, *re-elected*.

NEBRASKA.

43d Communication.

OMAHA.

June 6, 1900.

M. W. WILLIAM W. KEYSOR, Grand Master, the representatives of two hundred and six Lodges, New York by W. EDWARD K. VALENTINE, and R. W. HERBERT S. PIPER, Past Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota.

A cordial address of welcome was extended by M. W. GEORGE W. LININGER, Past Grand Master, on behalf of the Fraternity of the city.

The picture delineated by the Grand Master of the condition of the Craft conveys a true ideal of Freemasonry.

"It affords me exceeding pleasure to report that Freemasonry has prospered remarkably in this jurisdiction during the past year. Work has been abundant and our Lodges have grown stronger in numbers and finances; the needy have been supplied; the sick nursed; the dead buried; the widow assisted and the orphan educated; harmony has been restored in several quarters, and with one or two unfortunate exceptions, peace and brotherly love prevail throughout our jurisdiction; the practice of Lodges visiting, assisting, and entertaining each other at the banquet board has extended; and happily there has been a perceptible uplift in the character of the candidates admitted, and a truer apprehension of the higher ends of our institution."

Last year death had created a vacancy in the position of Grand Secretary, and this year the chair to the right of the Grand Master was draped in mourning—R. W. CHRISTIAN HARTMAN, Grand Treasurer, having closed his earthly account. For more than twenty years this brother had filled this office and he was universally respected and esteemed. A special communication of the Grand Lodge was held October 1, 1899, to conduct his obsequies.

The Grand Master's opinion upon the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington, 1899, is eminently sound:

"About July 1st, of last year, I received under the seal of that Grand Lodge a copy of resolutions which were adopted June 19, 1899, by that body, and which apparently rescinded those of the year before, but which in my opinion reaffirmed them in a more insidious form, and reasserted a principle of Masonic law that is a menace to the harmony and fraternal relations of all Grand Lodges, viz.: 'Nor can this Grand Lodge consent to tolerate the idea that her Lodges do not possess the plenary right to determine for themselves—but for no one else—subject to review by nobody but herself, the status of all persons claiming to be Masons who

knock at their doors, either for the purpose of visiting or as applicants for affiliation.'

"That is to say, a member of a Lodge in this State which this Grand Body declares to be clandestine may go to Washington and there visit or affiliate with any subordinate Lodge which consents to receive him, and then return to us under the claim that he is a Mason in good standing in a jurisdiction holding fraternal communication with us. This does not seem to me to be good law. Our own Grand Lodge ought to be the judge of the regularity of the subordinate Lodges in this State, and our decision upon that question ought to be binding upon all other foreign jurisdictions. Believing that the Grand Lodge of Washington has not yet rescinded as fully as it ought to do, the original resolutions above referred to, and also believing that our fraternal communications with that body ought not to be severed without good cause, I have deemed it best to take no action in the matter, and to submit it at this time for your investigation and decision."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence sustained the conclusions of the Grand Master and recommended "that all fraternal relations between the two Grand Lodges be severed." Said report was ordered referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, and, upon request, further time was granted wherein to consider the report.

The Grand Master had issued dispensations for four new Lodges, had restricted all Grand Lodge Committees to those who were members of the Grand Lodge, and had proven himself in all respects a valuable official.

He had rallied to the support of Landmark Lodge No. 222 and its members, who had suffered most severely by the cyclone which demolished the town of Herman, June 13, 1899. Contributions from Lodges and an appropriation from the relief fund, aggregating \$1,186.43, had been judiciously distributed.

Among the decisions reported, we note the following. No. 12 was not approved by the Grand Lodge.

"8. That a Lodge still retains jurisdiction over a person whom it rejected twenty-two years ago, even though he has since resided in another jurisdiction.

"9. That a petitioner for the degrees who was elected two years ago but did not attend for initiation, is the material of the Lodge to which he applied for admission, and another Lodge cannot receive him upon petition without a waiver of jurisdiction from the former Lodge.

"12. That the manager of a brewery cannot receive the degrees even though he be highly recommended for intelligence, industry, and good moral character.

"14. That a man with his left foot amputated two inches above the ankle cannot be made a Mason even though he wear a perfect artificial limb and walk so naturally that the loss of his foot escapes observation.

"15. That when objections are filed with the Worshipful Master against conferring the E. A. degree, the objector is not bound to disclose reasons for his objections."

Upon a proposition to hold biennial sessions of the Grand Lodge, action was deferred for one year.

The Grand Orator, W. WALTER W. WELLS, delivered a thoughtful address upon "What is Truth?"

Recognition was extended the Gran Dieta Symbolica of Mexico "as a regularly constituted Grand Lodge."

Balances in General Fund, \$9,590.37; Relief Fund, \$740.69; Masonic Home Fund, \$3,000; Orphan's Educational Fund, \$32,765.47.

Next Annual Communication, Omaha, June 5, 1901.

CORRESPONDENCE.

M. W. CHARLES J. PHELPS presents the report on Correspondence (135 pp.), covering the proceedings of fifty-eight Grand Bodies, including New York for 1899, which has full notice.

Alluding to the action of those Grand Lodges in severing Masonic fellowship with the Grand Lodge of Washington, our brother remarks, under SOUTH DAKOTA:

"To this writer, such action was entirely justifiable; the offense was so great, and planned with so much deliberation, that drastic measures would seem to be entirely proper. Perhaps the most aggravating circumstance in the case was that of an attempt, on the part of its author, to deny the fact that negro Masonry had been recognized; an attempt well calculated to insult the intelligence of the Masonic order."

M. W. ALBERT W. CRITES (*Chadron*), Grand Master, and R. W. FRANCIS E. WHITE (*Plattsmouth*), Grand Secretary, *re-elected*.

NEVADA.

36th Communication.

VIRGINIA CITY.

June 12, 1900.

M. W. JOHN M. MCCORMACK, Grand Master, and the representatives of seventeen Lodges.

The Grand Master appropriately referred to the official deaths of the past year. Peace and harmony prevail among the Lodges. No decisions are reported. Special prominence was given to the public ceremonial of the laying of the corner-stone of a public school building at Wadsworth, it having been the first instance of the character in that town.

Upon receipt of intelligence of the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington, 1899, rescinding "that portion of its resolutions recognizing the legitimacy of negro Masonry," the Grand Master had issued his proclamation removing the edict suspending fraternal relations and extended a "hearty welcome to the Grand Lodge of Washington upon its return to its former conditions of fraternal love and peace with this and its sister Grand Jurisdictions." This action received the approval of the Grand Lodge.

It is proposed to inaugurate a fund for the erection of a Masonic Home in this jurisdiction and some contributions had already been made thereto. It would appear to us that this jurisdiction was hardly equipped with a sufficient number of Lodges to warrant such an undertaking.

The Grand Lodge will consider the following at the next Annual Communication:

"Nor shall any such Lodge receive such application from any person who is engaged in the saloon business. This prohibition shall not be construed to apply to persons engaged in good faith in the hotel or grocery business."

Receipts, \$1,297.50; disbursements, \$1,285.90, and balance on hand, \$1,425.54.

Next Annual Communication, Carson, June 11, 1901.

CORRESPONDENCE.

W.'. A. D. BIRD presents the report on Correspondence (109 pp.), reviewing the proceedings of fifty-two Grand Bodies, including New York for 1899.

Our associate is complimented in the reproduction of his interesting account of the "usages and customs in German Lodges."

M.'. W.'. JOSEPH A. MILLER (*Austin*), Grand Master, and R.'. W.'. CHAUNCEY N. NOTEWARE (*Carson City*), Grand Secretary, *re-elected*.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

111th Communication.

CONCORD.

May 16, 1900.

M.'. W.'. JOHN McLANE, Grand Master, the representatives of forty-seven Lodges, and New York by M.'. W.'. JOHN PENDER.

Semi-Annual Communication held December 27, 1899—sixty-nine Lodges represented—when the work of the three degrees was exemplified.

The Grand Master gave an interesting account of his visit to Virginia upon the occasion of the observance of the centennial of the death of BAO. GEORGE WASHINGTON.

A pleasant incident of this session was the introduction of BAO. NORMAN C. HOWES, Tiler of Franklin Lodge No. 6, since 1854, "as the oldest Tiler in New Hampshire, and probably the oldest in the world in continuous service."

The Grand Master in his annual address appropriately alluded to the death of six Past District Deputy Grand Masters. A Lodge in New Hampshire having visited a Lodge in Massachusetts and conferred the third degree, and the Massachusetts Lodge, by invitation, having returned the visit and exemplified the Massachusetts work of the third degree in the New Hampshire Lodge, the Grand Master expressed his conviction that such exemplifications were not to the best interests of the Craft. The Committee on Jurisprudence in their report thereon, while conceding that such visits were beneficial in the interchange of fraternal courtesies and social enjoyment, yet could not but consider that the tendency thereof was to confuse the brethren in the standard work, and they therefore

recommended that it be declared "unlawful and should not be continued." Among the ceremonial occasions, of which special mention was made, we note at the centennial of the organization of Blazing Star Lodge No. 11, Concord, that an oration was delivered by RIGHT REV. BRO. HENRY C. POTTER, D.D., Bishop of New York, and characterized "as being a most eloquent tribute to the beauties of Freemasonry."

No decisions had been rendered of sufficient importance to report, in which we commend his discretion. It seems useless cumbering the record with a recapitulation of decisions, many of which should never have been required of a Grand Master.

Upon the question of jurisdiction over rejected candidates the Grand Master expressed his conclusion that it would be wise for the Grand Lodge to recede from the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction and adopt a limitation of five years. We have failed to notice any action thereon.

Considerable progress was reported in the Masonic Home work.

The amendments proposed last year creating a board to be entitled Commissioners of Trials, before whom *all* Masonic trials are to be held, was adopted.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made a report upon the subject of negro Masonry, and were discharged from further consideration of the subject:

"The Grand Lodge of Washington, at its forty-second Annual Communication, held on the 18th day of June, 1899, considered the subject and referred it to a special committee consisting of very eminent members of that Grand Body. That committee made an exhaustive report, in which they recommended a declaration covering the position that the Washington Grand Lodge maintains. That declaration in the main repeals the objectionable legislation which previously took place in that Grand Lodge, and in a general way enunciates the doctrines which this Grand Lodge adheres to and which we asserted in our report of last year. There is one subject which it considered, and to which conclusions we do not agree, namely, the authority of the United Grand Lodge of England to establish Lodges in other jurisdictions during the period when the transactions took place from which the questions have arisen. But this is a matter of opinion, and probably of no very serious practical effect. We do not deem it of sufficient importance, under the circumstances, to warrant this Grand Lodge in severing its fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Washington."

The presentation of a Past Grand Master's Jewel to the *retiring* Grand Master, by the Grand Master *elect*, was made the medium of a very pleasing personal address.

Receipts, \$3,439.41; disbursements, \$3,180.70, and balance on hand, \$4,185.59.

Next Annual Communication, Concord, May 15, 1901.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Correspondence (147 pp.), R. W. ALBERT S. WAIT, covers the proceedings of fifty-three Grand Lodges.

Under WASHINGTON, reviewing the Proceedings of 1899, our brother's remarks are such as naturally would be expected from his even poised

judicial mind. It is possible that unwise criticism may have been indulged in, but such was inevitable and, to some extent, excusable, when we consider the method and manner of the prime mover. We might justly object to our brother's remark "that he (the writer) is in full accord with the censorious utterances concerning that action (Washington, 1898), etc.," but possibly our attitude toward the proposition somewhat warrants the criticism. We did not *approve* the language used in some instances, but, nevertheless, we were strongly opposed to the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington in 1898. We expect to be held responsible for whatever our record discloses, but if therein we have gone further than subsequent reflection teaches us to have been right we shall not hesitate to make suitable correction. We deemed the course of M'. W'. BAO. UPTON to have gone beyond the presentation of a *theory*. It was (irrespective of a denial thereof) a proposition granting recognition to a class and bodies, held by all Grand Lodges (except WASHINGTON) to be spurious and unworthy of recognition.

"In what we here say, we by no means intend to be understood that we approve the resolutions of our brethren of Washington of June, 1898. We accept what we have long been sensible is the settled and pronounced sentiment of this country upon the subject of negro Masonry, as furnishing for practical purposes the guiding rule. We accept the well understood sentiment of our brethren of Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and wherever Lodges or Grand Lodges of negroes have been established claiming to be Masonic, that those bodies are spurious and unworthy of recognition by regular Masons; and that this must furnish the rule for their treatment by all other Grand Lodges. Besides this, whatever theories may be held by the philosophical student, and whatever conclusions he may think accurate study may justify, there is a sentiment, settled and pronounced, pervading the general mind which revolts at the idea of the negro Lodges being admitted to affiliation with our Grand Lodge system. We can but regard it as infinitely unfortunate that our brethren of Washington, however upright in purpose, should have undertaken to disregard this sentiment. Later, having awakened to its force, and reversed their action, though without abandoning their theory, we think it should be accepted as sufficient by the American Fraternity and the matter allowed to drop. Their theory, however pertinaciously held, can harm nobody."

New York for 1899 has just consideration at the hands of our brother. His approval is expressed of the decision by Grand Master SUTHERLAND, in the case cited on appeal, wherein the Worshipful Master had overruled the objection of a member of a Lodge—made without just reason and from unworthy motives—to the admission of a visitor and admitted him.

"It has been many times held in some American grand jurisdictions that the right to object to the admission of a visitor by a member of a Lodge is peremptory, and that neither the Worshipful Master, nor the Lodge, have any right to admit a visitor after such an objection. We have never believed in this latter doctrine, nor in the soundness of any argument we have ever seen advanced in its favor. In his examination of these questions Grand Master SUTHERLAND shows that both had many years before been decided by his predecessors in office of recognized distinction for great ability and sound learning, in accordance with his decision thus rendered, and in both cases with the approval of the Grand Lodge. The published opinion of the Grand Master in this case is marked for its sound views and accurate learning, and we recommend it to the careful and attentive perusal of all interested in the jurisprudence of our institution."

In explanation of the method of the election of Grand Master POWNALL we would say, that the Grand Secretary asked unanimous consent of the Grand Lodge that the father cast the ballot of the Grand Lodge for the son as Grand Master, which was done and no one else desiring to vote, the announcement was made. A three-fold pleasure—to the father, the son, and to the Craft.

M. W. GEORGE I. MCALLISTER (*Manchester*), Grand Master, and
R. W. FRANK D. WOODBURY, (*Concord*), Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY.

115th Communication.

TRENTON.

January 24, 1900.

M. W. JOSIAH W. EWAN, Grand Master, the representatives of one hundred and fifty-nine Lodges, together with two hundred and ninety-seven Past Masters of Lodges.

An emergent communication was held June 14, 1899, one hundred and forty-eight Lodges being represented, to take into consideration the urgent need for additional accommodations at the Masonic Home. After full discussion it was ordered, by a vote of 394 to 134, that the Masonic Home be enlarged and that an assessment of \$1.50 per capita be levied upon the Craft, payable October 15th, for that purpose. A very large majority of the Lodges promptly paid the assessment and indications point conclusively to the fact that the brethren are in full sympathy with this movement. Of the assessment amounting to \$25,455, it was reported that all had been paid except the sum of \$105.

At the Annual Communication the following visitors were present from the Grand Lodge of New York and most cordially welcomed:

"M. W. WRIGHT D. POWNALL, Grand Master of Masons of New York; R. W. REV. GEORGE R. VAN DE WATER, Grand Chaplain; R. W. JOHN W. JENKINS, Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of New York; R. W. JOSEPH MORRIS WARD, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey near the Grand Lodge of New York."

The Grand Master paid an eloquent tribute to the memory of M. W. JAMES H. DURAND, Past Grand Master, and also announced the decease of BRO. GARRET A. HOBART, Vice-President of the United States, for many years a member of one of the Lodges of this jurisdiction, "an earnest and conscientious Mason and always alive to its principles." Several instances of violation of jurisdictional law were reported and we must commend the eminent fairness of our M. W. BROTHER in respect to these unpleasant occurrences. Kind consideration was expressed of the action of Grand Master SUTHERLAND in the case in which Italia Lodge No. 786, New York, was an interested party.

The Grand Master had personally, and through his deputies, examined forty-four candidates for Masonic privileges, eleven being declared ineligible. In connection therewith he said, "I am of the opinion that in no jurisdiction in the universe is more care exercised in the selection of material than in New Jersey, from both a moral and physical standpoint."

The Grand Master was fully warranted in his conviction of the great value, necessity and benefits of the Masonic Home of this jurisdiction, and in urging that every Mason's "best thought and energy ought to be enlisted in its prosperity and success."

Intelligence having been received that an exhibition of an "immoral character had been permitted in a Lodge room after the Lodge was closed," the Grand Master, quite leniently we think, at a summoned meeting of the Lodge, "censured and reprimanded all those who were concerned in the shameful exhibition."

He had also declared all the proceedings held at a regular meeting of a Lodge to be null and void, by reason of the absence of the warrant—the Worshipful Master having accidentally left it at home.

The Grand Master expressed his dissatisfaction with the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington (1899), and says:

"I believe its intentions were to repeal, absolutely, the offensive resolutions, but the words do not carry out this belief.

"I am credibly informed, in fact I have read a letter from the present Grand Master of Washington, in which he states, in the most emphatic manner, that no person who is not regular in every sense of the word can be admitted to any subordinate Lodge in Washington, and that it is not permissible for persons hailing from Lodges tracing their origin to Prince Hall Lodge or others of like Masonic standing to gain admission.

"This decision of Grand Master SEEMAN holds good while he is Grand Master. Will his successor decide otherwise, even as his predecessor decided?

"I am of the opinion that it is unwise to remove our interdict until it is positively determined by the Grand Lodge of Washington whether New Jersey has any right to review or question the admission to their Lodges of persons we have declared to be clandestine and irregular."

The Committee on Jurisprudence, in their consideration of the subject, reported the following, which received the approval of the Grand Lodge:

"It also recognizes the right of the Grand Lodge of Washington and of its subordinate Lodges to receive into their fellowship by affiliation or to admit as visitors, such persons as they see fit. We can only insist that so long as that Grand Lodge recognizes the right of its subordinate Lodges to hold Masonic intercourse with alleged Masons who do not owe allegiance to any body recognized by us as Masonic, the Grand Lodge of New Jersey must, under our obligations, refuse to recognize it as a Masonic body or to hold any communication with it as such. We must therefore recommend that the interdict issued against the Grand Lodge of Washington and those owing allegiance thereto should not be removed."

Two new Lodges had been created under dispensation, and from decisions reported we select the following:

"Candidates shall not be initiated in English-speaking Lodges unless they understand the English language.

"No brother who has dimitted from a Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Washington since the issuance of the interdict of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey against that Grand Lodge, can affiliate with a New Jersey Lodge until the interdict is removed.

"A person petitioning a Lodge which does not hold jurisdiction over him shall be permitted to withdraw such petition without the vote of the Lodge, at any time prior to action on request for waiver having been taken by the Lodge in whose jurisdiction he resides, but not thereafter.

"When a request for waiver of jurisdiction is received by a Lodge it is the duty of the Worshipful Master to appoint a committee of investiga-

tion, who shall personally interview the candidate and make the same examination and investigation as is required when a person petitions the Lodge."

The report of the Committee on Masonic Home shows twenty-two inmates as being cared for, and with the addition now in process of erection, at an expense of \$28,866, accommodations will be provided for about eighty. We note that every inmate is required to perform some labor, so that, exclusive of the superintendent, the corps of employees is very limited, "only three household servants, one man for outdoor work, and a washerwoman two days a week." The superintendent was commended for his efficiency and capability. We cannot omit to chronicle the good work of Triluminar Lodge No. 112, which had the last year contributed about ten dollars for each of its members (177) for the support of the Home. We congratulate the Fraternity of New Jersey upon their Home record.

It was ordered by the Grand Lodge:

"That each initiate, each affiliate from a foreign jurisdiction, and each suspended or expelled Mason who was expelled or suspended prior to January 1, 1897, upon his reinstatement shall be required to pay, in addition to all other fees or charges, the sum of \$3.50, to be applied to the uses of the Masonic Home, as directed by this Grand Lodge."

The Grand Lodge had the pleasure of listening to an able address delivered by REV. BRO. HENRY R. ROSE, upon "True religion, the true spirit of Freemasonry." We note one statement:

"Why should we consider a subject of this nature? On the one hand, because Freemasonry is misunderstood among religious people, and, in quarters, misrepresented to them. Our Craft has not fully recovered from the Morgan excitement and persecution of 1826, which lasted twenty years.

"The old hostility to our Order still exists bitterly in one ecclesiastical organization. Only the other day, in the city of Flushing, Long Island, a Catholic priest was asked by one of the congregation whether a true Catholic could be a Mason, and the reply was: 'No; because Freemasonry is sinful.' From the point of view of the Roman Catholic Church, our Craft is sinful. That misrepresentation is not only being foisted upon the minds of those who attend its churches, but, because the reply was published in the newspapers, there are thousands in the Protestant churches who will get the idea that our Craft is organized and working for vicious ends."

An interesting and valuable account is presented relative to the Masonic Convention held at Morristown, N. J. (1779), during the Revolutionary War, at which BRO. GEORGE WASHINGTON was present, including a history of American Union Lodge.

Receipts, \$17,997.91; disbursements, \$15,093.31, and balance on hand, \$7,031.78.

Next Annual Communication, Trenton, January 23, 1901.

CORRESPONDENCE.

M. W. CHARLES BELCHER presents the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence (110 pp.), embracing a concise review of the proceedings of fifty-four Grand Lodges. New York for 1899 has just con-

sideration and, with our acknowledgment for personal reference, we extend a fraternal welcome to our esteemed brother.

He expresses the opinion:

"Though the Grand Lodge of Washington has rescinded the objectionable resolutions of 1898, its position still seems to be unenviable, and the writer concurs in the opinion expressed elsewhere, that a clearer and more explicit defining of the meaning of the tenth resolution of 1899 is due the Fraternity at large."

M. W. JOSEPH E. MOORE (*Jersey City*), Grand Master, and R. W. THOMAS H. R. REDWAY (*Trenton*), Grand Secretary, *re-elected*.

NORTH CAROLINA.

113th Communication.

RALEIGH.

January 9, 1900.

M. W. R. J. NOBLE, Grand Master, the representatives of one hundred and eighty-one Lodges, and New York by W. N. B. BROUGHTON.

The Grand Master might well extend congratulations upon the progress of the Craft, in this jurisdiction, the past year.

"Three new Lodges have been established, two dormant ones resuscitated, several new halls have been built, old ones refurnished, two magnificent temples erected, many new members added, and a laudable ambition has been manifested on the part of the Lodges to procure and conform to the demands of the authorized work of the Grand Lodge."

A special communication of the Grand Lodge had been held to take action upon the question of repealing the resolution adopted at the last Annual Communication "directing the Trustees of the Oxford Orphan Asylum to do away with the service of the Lady Principal," and, very wisely we should say, the Lodges, by a very decisive vote, repealed the resolution. Irrespective of the merits of the one occupying the position, there can be no question that the action of the Board of Trustees was wise in judgment and such an appointment a necessity for the best interests of the institution.

A vacancy had been created in the official circle by the death of M. W. ROBERT B. VANCE, and the Proceedings are graced by his portrait and a biographical sketch.

The Grand Lodge had participated in the observance of the Centennial of the death of BRO. GEORGE WASHINGTON, and apparently, from several references thereto, "the new jewels and paraphernalia" used by the Grand Officers, added much to the *éclat* of the day.

The Grand Orator, W. E. W. POW, delivered an eloquent address upon the "True Purposes of Masonic Life." We have been chiefly interested in the concluding portion treating of "Why has Masonry succeeded?"

The report of the Oxford Orphan Asylum enumerated the erection of four cottages for the accommodation of girls, and that two hundred and eleven children had been cared for. Deducting the profit received from

the several branches of practical work carried on, the cost of maintenance had been but \$54.81—an excellent showing. The Grand Lodge made an appropriation of \$3,000 toward its support.

The necessitous circumstances of a worthy brother, at one time an officer of the Grand Lodge, being made known, the Grand Lodge made an appropriation of one hundred dollars for his benefit.

If the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was, as stated, *read*, we must say that while the representatives could not but have been interested, yet their *patience* was commendable.

Receipts, \$6,432.15; disbursements, \$5,971.27, and balance on hand, \$3,979.37.

Next Annual Communication, Raleigh, January 8, 1901.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The fourth annual report on Correspondence (149 pp.), by W.: JOHN A. COLLINS, is a good review of the proceedings of fifty-four Grand Lodges, including New York for 1899.

We have upon many occasions expressed our commendation of the grand work of the brethren of this jurisdiction in their fostering care of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, and we are in complete harmony with our brother in giving words of praise to all such enterprises irrespective of the methods adopted or plan comprehended.

M.: W.: S. S. ROYSTER (*Oxford*), Grand Master, and R.: W.: JOHN C. DREWRY (*Raleigh*), Grand Secretary, *re-elected*.

NORTH DAKOTA.

11th Communication.

FARGO.

June 19, 1900.

M.: W.: JOHN A. PERCIVAL, Grand Master, the representatives of forty-three Lodges, and New York by W.: SYLVESTER J. HILL.

The Grand Master delivered a brief business address, seven new Lodges had been created under dispensation, and the year had been characterized by great prosperity to the Craft.

The Grand Secretary, in his comprehensive report, has the following account of the Military Lodge U. D., attached to the North Dakota Regiment in the Philippine Islands:

"On January 17, 1900, I received from BRO. W. D. PURDON, Treasurer of the Military Lodge U. D., Philippine Islands, the sum of \$728.45. I have returned to candidates the sum of \$30 for fees not earned by the Military Lodge. A formal Waiver of Jurisdiction was printed and issued, on application, to all who had been elected in the Military Lodge and who desired to complete the Masonic Degrees.

"Among the matter turned over to the Grand Secretary by Col. W. C. TRUEMANN, Worshipful Master of Military Lodge, is a Visiting Regis-

ter in which are recorded the names of brothers from almost all parts of the world. Also a silver Senior Warden's jewel, which did service in a Military Masonic Lodge in the Confederate Army during the Civil War, and which was presented to our Grand Lodge by BRO. JOHN W. SCOTT, who received it as a gift from the Confederate officer who was its Senior Warden and who, at the time of the close of the War, desired to get to New Orleans on the boat on the Mississippi steamer on which BRO. SCOTT was the Captain. These are interesting relics whose value will be enhanced as the years go by."

The report of the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, COL. WILLIAM C. TRUEMANN, makes interesting reading. The first meeting of the Lodge was held August 21, 1898. We note the following:

"We obtained much valuable and authentic information regarding Spanish Masonry and the Katapunan Society in the Philippines from a Spanish brother who addressed the Lodge on this subject at one of its meetings. BRO. JUAN UTRO FERNANDEZ is an enthusiastic Mason and exhibited his credentials, from which it appears that at the meeting of the Grand Council of Scottish Rite Masons held in Cleveland, O., in 1894, he was made the representative of that body for Spain, a distinction of which he is very proud. From him we learned that a Masonic Lodge flourished in Manila for a number of years, but the antagonism of the church was too great, men known to be members met with all manner of persecution. Banishment to other islands was a common penalty, families were scattered to all parts of the Spanish possessions, the father isolated in the interior or to some far-off island.

"A brother in Manila handed me a Spanish document, being a decree from the Archbishop of Manila addressed to the governors of several of the provinces, containing the names of men suspected of being Masons and ordering that they be apprehended. Appended to the document are the reports of the several governors and other officials. I was requested to submit the document to the Grand Lodge of our State that it might be translated. The Lodge in Manila continued to meet in secret for some time after the persecution began, but its adversaries were powerful and numerous and it was finally obliged to succumb.

"Many prominent Filipinos of the educated class had become members of the Order, and after the turbulent times began in the islands revolutionary societies were organized, and many of them became leaders of the people in their revolt against Spanish rule. It is said that Aguinaldo and a number of his prominent officers and advisers were members of the Spanish Lodge in Manila. Katapunan societies were organized among the natives, making use of many of our emblems and other means of recognition. The object of the society was to limit the autocratic power of the church, and as church and state were practically one they were looked upon as revolutionary in character and its members the vilest of criminals. Many of the natives, learning of the organization of our Lodge in Manila, approached our brethren with grips and signs claiming to be of the Craft. I cautioned the brethren to avoid indiscretion; for it was found on careful inquiry that these natives were members of the Katapunan societies. On one occasion a brother from the California regiment came to headquarters with a man whom he introduced as a brother and who was very anxious to visit the Lodge. I took the man inside and examined him, finding him in possession of many of our secrets. He was a well-informed member of the Katapunan Society and cherished what little Masonic light he had obtained. There is a great field open for Masonry in the Philippines, and I hope that a permanent Lodge may soon be established in Manila. Our Lodge was overwhelmed with petitions for degrees, and after having received one hundred applications it became necessary to refuse others, not knowing how long we would remain in the islands. We had work at nearly every meeting, but I regret exceedingly that we were prevented from conferring the M. M. degree. We were preparing to confer our first third degree when the insurrection broke out on the evening of the 4th of February, 1899, after which the regiment was constantly in the field,

taking part in three famous expeditions of General Lawton into the interior of Luzon. We did not return to Manila till the 7th of July, and from that time till we embarked for our homeward journey were kept busy with reports and accounting for military stores and property in the various departments, and it was impossible to do further work in the Lodge."

No grievances or appeals.

The resolution of 1898 ordering a copy of the Morals and Dogmas of the Symbolic Degrees by ALBERT PIKE to be presented to all Master Masons at their raising, was repealed.

Receipts, \$25,472.27; disbursements, \$4,325.12, and balance on hand, \$4,700.55.

Next Annual Communication, Fargo, June 18, 1901.

M. W. EDWIN H. JAMES (*St. Thomas*), Grand Master, and R. W. FRANK J. THOMPSON, (*Fargo*), Grand Secretary, *re-elected*.

OHIO.

91st Communication.

SPRINGFIELD.

October 24, 1900.

M. W. E. L. LYBARGER, Grand Master, the representatives of four hundred and eighty-three Lodges, and eleven Past Grand Masters.

BRO. JAMES JOHNSON, Ex-Mayor of the city of Springfield, extended a greeting on behalf of the citizens, followed by his Honor Ex-Governor BRO. ASA A. BUSHNELL, on behalf of the Fraternity of the city.

After a brief reference to the wonderful growth of Freemasonry in this jurisdiction and some incisive Masonic thoughts, the Grand Master proceeded to deliver a good business address. The net gain of membership the past year had been the largest in the history of this Grand Lodge, two new Lodges had been created by dispensation, and the incidents of various ceremonial occasions have appropriate mention.

Last year we noted with pleasure the end of the Conneau litigation in this jurisdiction, but apparently we were somewhat previous. The Grand Master recites the following:

"In this connection, I desire to call your attention to a matter growing out of the attempted secession of New England Lodge, No. 4, at Worthington, in 1891. At that time the Lodge occupied a two-story brick Masonic Hall, built in 1818, which is probably the oldest landmark of Masonry in the State.

"The lot had been deeded, in 1820, to Jeremiah Morrow, Governor of the State of Ohio; and his successors in office, for the use and benefit of New England Lodge, No. 4, F. & A. M., and Horeb Chapter, No. 3, R. A. M.

"The seceding members of the Lodge whose Charter was arrested by the Grand Lodge, kept the possession of the building, as the former Governors of the State refused to take action to eject them; but in December last, Governor Bushnell, at the request of the regular Lodge, made a deed of the property to a trustee selected by it.

"Before this was done, Horeb Chapter, having removed its place of meeting to Westerville, passed a resolution transferring all its equitable interest in the property to New England Lodge, and requested the Governor to hold it exclusively for the Lodge. As soon as the bogus Lodge learned that the deed had been made by the Governor, and before it had been recorded, they caused a suit to be commenced against the trustees to enjoin him from recording the deed or transferring the property, the action being commenced in the name of the regular Lodges and Charter as corporations, the said Bodies having taken out Charters in 1888.

"The Brethren will remember that in 1891, after the arrest of the Charter of the old Lodge, a duplicate Charter was granted to the loyal Brethren of the Lodge, and the rebellious faction were suspended, or expelled, by the Grand Lodge for their rebellious acts.

"The question to be determined in this action is, whether a subordinate Lodge, whose charter has been arrested because of the rebellious conduct of a majority of its members, is recognized in law as entitled to the right to be considered as a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, as against the Lodge composed of the loyal members holding a charter from this Grand Lodge by the original name and number.

"The regular Lodge at Worthington is only a village Lodge with about fifty members, and can not pay the necessary expenses of such litigation from its Lodge treasury, and it would be a great hardship to require the individual Brethren of so small a Lodge to meet these expenses.

"The fact that a decision in favor of the bogus Lodge, in this action, would give the Clandestine Lodges acting under the bogus Grand Lodge a legal standing as Masonic Bodies in this State, makes this a matter of greater importance to the Craft in general, and to this Grand Lodge, than to the local Brethren, who can far better afford to pay rent for a Lodge-room than to meet the expenses of such litigation.

"The Lodge has, however, employed counsel, and much work has been done in preparing the defense, and I respectfully recommend that this Grand Lodge make such an appropriation to assist in defraying these expenses as may seem proper upon consideration of the circumstances, and employ counsel to represent the Grand Lodge."

The Grand Lodge concurred in the suggestion of the Grand Master, and it was ordered that counsel be engaged to render all proper and necessary services in said litigation.

We agree with the Grand Master in questioning the propriety of the following:

"My attention has been several times called to the practice of Subordinate Lodges of publishing a Masonic Calendar, and including therein the names of the officers and members of the Order of the Eastern Star, located in their midst. The Order of the Eastern Star not being a Masonic Body, the question is raised as to the propriety or legality of thus including in what is termed a Masonic Calendar anything that is not Masonic. I respectfully refer this matter to the Grand Lodge, with the recommendation that some action be taken thereon, for the better information and instruction of the Brethren in this particular."

The report of the Trustees of the Ohio Masonic Home would indicate that the affairs of this institution are progressing favorably. As usual it had been demonstrated that additional buildings were needed—notably a hospital annex. Number of inmates, 137; viz.: 61 men, 28 women, 25 boys, and 23 girls. The per capita cost of maintenance, \$151.80.

The superintendent's report is an intelligent *résumé* of the work and furnishes ample proof of his ability and thoroughness. The Masonic Home of New York covers the same points of excellence that are noted in our brother's conclusion.

"One of the most valuable features of our Home, and this applies to other fraternal homes as well, is that families of children who would otherwise be separated and brought up in ignorance of each other, are here kept together, and hardly realize they are orphans. We have several families of little ones with us all happy and content.

"Another admirable feature is the admitting to the Home of old brothers and their wives (when they are needy), where they spend the evening of their days in peace and plenty, with no anxiety as to their daily bread. In short, the Masonic Home is the protector and educator of our orphan children, and a place of refuge for our aged and infirm, carrying into effect in its broadest sense the principal tenet of our Order—Charity."

The Grand Lodge donated two thousand dollars to the General Fund of the Home, and five thousand dollars to its Endowment Fund.

Receipts, \$36,107.20; disbursements, \$34,579.55, and balance on hand, \$37,035.23.

Next Annual Communication, Cleveland, October 20, 1901.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Correspondence by M. W. WILLIAM M. CUNNINGHAM, covering the proceedings of sixty-one Grand Lodges, as indicated by the space occupied (322 pp.), comprehends a very complete presentation.

Our brother has the following, favoring the return to the old practice, of the transaction of all business in the first or Entered Apprentice degree. As a matter of principle there is much in its favor, but we doubt whether any change could well be made now.

"THE DEGREE OF ENTERED APPRENTICE.

"At different times throughout his reports on Foreign Correspondence the writer has directed the attention of the Craft to the unjust and unwarranted emasculation of the Entered Apprentice degree in the United States through the action of the Baltimore Convention over a half-century since. Previous to that time all business, balloting for candidates, public ceremonials, etc.—except that pertaining strictly to the other degrees—was done in a Lodge of Entered Apprentices. When that grade was received, the Initiate was a Mason, and with well as in the name, with all the rights of membership, and with thereby the opportunity and duty of saying, by his ballot, who should be made his brother and become one with him in the Masonic family.

"The degree is in itself the most perfect and unchanged of any grade in Ancient Craft Masonry. The beauties and lessons to be learned or developed through its symbolism are illimitable; it is the foundation of Freemasonry, and as its superstructure the manifest injustice of neutralizing the grade by depriving it of its inherent rights, power, and prerogatives, *without its own consent*, must be self-apparent.

"The influence of members and admirers of a Modern Organization, then becoming very popular, was doubtless the first cause of the perpetration of this great wrong and innovation, as the result of their efforts to have the business affairs of Freemasonry to correspond in management with a Modern Organization in accordance with their own progressive ideas.

"To accomplish fully this displacement required a number of years in the Lodges of the United States. In England, however, and in other Grand Jurisdictions, the change was not made.

"Those who are cognizant of the circumstances attending or causing the action of the Baltimore Convention are becoming *very few*; hence the duty of directing attention to this important subject, and urging the

rehabilitation of the Entered Apprentice Degree and the restoration of its inherent rights, privileges, and prerogatives."

Our brother takes exception to the claim made on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania "that it has never performed any Masonic work in public," saying:

"In the opinion also of your committee, this is merely 'a distinction without difference,' particularly when it is considered how many public functions have, in the past, been officially performed by the Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, often, too, with great parade and *éclat*, and advertised as Masonic ceremonials; and this, also, in a Jurisdiction where the declaration even of a decision by the Grand Master makes it a law without the necessity of any subsequent confirmation by the Grand Lodge.

"The official action, therefore, of the Grand Master in such cases, is evidently public Masonic work had under the auspices of the Grand Lodge, as it is performed by virtue of the official character and prerogatives of the Grand Master, and whose official acts by natural inference so declare it, without regard to any formal opening of Grand Lodge therefor, although that is with evident propriety customary in perhaps all other Grand Jurisdictions."

In reference to the report that the Grand Orient of Belgium was in official affiliation with the Grand Orient of France, he says: "Should such prove to be true, your Committee would recommend a reconsideration of the recognition extended." We have endeavored by correspondence direct to ascertain as to the correctness of this assertion, for our own purposes, but have been unable to get any response, which is not a favorable indication.

New York for 1900 has very full notice, and referring to case No. 1,716 in the report of the Board of Relief, our brother says: "The Ohio Masonic Home is open to just such cases."

Our statistical work is at the service of our brother, and our associate, W. BRO. FRENKEL, is honored in the use of his translations.

M. W. FRANK S. HARMON (*Akron*), Grand Master, and R. W. J. H. BROMWELL (*Cincinnati*), Grand Secretary, *re-elected*.

OKLAHOMA.

8th Communication.

OKLAHOMA CITY.

February 13, 1900.

M. W. WILLIAM L. EAGLETON, Grand Master, and the representatives of thirty-eight Lodges.

In his visitations it had been noticeable to the Grand Master that "too few of the brethren were familiar with the work," and that many did not carry out in practice the sublime teachings inculcated in the Lodge-room. He referred to the pleasure incident to his attendance at the Grand Lodge of Virginia and uniting in the centennial observance of the death of WASHINGTON. He recommended the adoption of the system of Grand Representatives, but the Grand Lodge could see no reason for doing so. Peace and harmony had prevailed almost universally throughout the jurisdiction, and six new Lodges had been created under dispensations.

Congratulations were expressed at the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington "in rescinding its former action on the question of negro Masonry," tempered, however, by the qualification that it had not been as clear and explicit as the Grand Master would have liked.

The Grand Master had endeavored to interest the Lodges in a plan to create a fund to be used for Masonic Home purposes, and many of the Lodges had given their assent to a donation of twenty-five cents per capita. This was agreed to at this session of the Grand Lodge. Trustees were also appointed with instructions to invite the co-operation of all Masonic bodies in this territory in this enterprise, and it was ordered that ten per centum of the balance of the Grand Lodge funds on the first of July in each year be devoted to said purpose.

Disapproval was expressed to the formation of a Supreme or Sovereign Grand Lodge.

No appeals or grievances before the Grand Lodge.

The Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was instructed to prepare a report for next year.

Receipts, \$1,931.00; disbursements, \$1,760.67, and balance on hand, \$1,680.21.

Next Annual Communication, Kingfisher, February 12, 1901.

M. W. WILLIAM M. ANDERSON (*Enid*), Grand Master, and R. W. J. S. HUNT (*Stillwater*), Grand Secretary, *re-elected*.

OREGON.

50th Communication.

PORTLAND.

June 13, 1902.

M. W. JOHN M. HODSON, Grand Master, and the representatives of eighty-seven Lodges, and eleven Past Grand Masters.

It would appear that the past year had been the most prosperous ever enjoyed by the Fraternity of this jurisdiction. The Grand Master had, in the discharge of his duties, visited over one-half of the Lodges and issued dispensations for two new Lodges. Most fraternal mention was made of the deaths of two beloved Past Grand Masters—M. W. ROBERT CLOW and M. W. THOMAS G. REAMES. This year completing the half-century of this Grand Lodge, brief allusion was made to its growth, from three Lodges with about 140 members to one hundred Lodges with a membership of over 5,000. Upon due investigation the Grand Master had ordered appropriations to be made from the Educational Fund for the benefit of fourteen orphan children. This fund amounts to \$19,423.67, exclusive of an interest in the Masonic Building Association of \$78,913.50.

We note the following decisions:

"1. A Mason under sentence of indefinite suspension for keeping a saloon or tending bar is not eligible for reinstatement so long as he continues in the business.

"2. It requires a unanimous vote by secret ballot to waive jurisdiction over rejected material.

"3. Application for waiver of jurisdiction must be made by the Lodge desiring to receive the petition.

"4. A request for waiver of jurisdiction must lie over from one stated meeting until the next stated meeting, and can only be acted on at a stated meeting.

"6. In case of slight mutilation of the right hand. A candidate must be able to comply literally with the requirements of the ceremonies in receiving and giving the grips. If he can thus comply he is eligible."

An amendment to the Constitution was proposed permitting petitions to be received from "persons engaged in the service of railroad and other corporations," who had not acquired the qualification of one year's residence, by authority of a dispensation from the Grand Master. We do not find that any action was had thereon, and we doubt the wisdom of such special enactment.

Telegraphic greetings were exchanged with the Grand Lodge of Washington, and the salary of the Grand Secretary made one thousand dollars.

From the oration of W. C. B. WINN, Grand Orator, we select one thought:

"We come together upon this occasion, not only for the necessary legislation and selection from among our number of those who shall be called upon to rule and govern the Craft, but for association which will make us wiser, inspiration which shall strengthen us, and for knowledge of each others' lives, which will, in turn, enable us to beautify our own lives.

"The value of an institution is to be measured by the good to be found in its devotees.

"A chain is no stronger than the weakest links. All of the precious metals of the world are without value until they are removed from their hiding places in the bosom of Mother Earth, and made useful by the hands of men. How many times in the early history of California did the careless pedestrian pass by the spot where afterwards the discovery of a new Eldorado electrified the world, and, all of these years, untold treasures lay dormant, benefiting no one.

"So it is with the sublime principles of our most beloved Order. They are of value to us only when we put them in practice; when we incorporate them in our lives and live them among our fellows."

A phototype and biographical sketch of M. W. JOHN M. HODSON graces the proceedings, and their value is also enhanced by the addition of the Constitution and By-laws of this Grand Lodge, the Landmarks of Freemasonry—as defined by Mackey—and the Ancient Charge.

Receipts, \$6,320.30; disbursements, \$4,875.40, and balance on hand, \$7,943.27.

Next Annual Communication, Portland, June 12, 1901.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The vacancy in the Correspondence Committee occasioned by the death of M. W. ROBERT CLOW had been filled by the appointment of R. W. JAMES F. ROBINSON, Grand Secretary, but we opine that the report submitted is to be credited to M. W. JOHN M. HODSON, Past Grand Master, whose name is appended thereto. In any event, it is a paper of much

interest and value, covering the proceedings of fifty-three Grand Bodies within the limits of one hundred and thirty-one pages.

New York for 1899 has courteous notice, and we can give the assurance that "all those reported as Representatives were present." Our brother but voices our opinion in the following statement:

"Therefore the Masonic authority that recognizes any person as a regular Mason hailing from New York, who is not recognized by the Grand Lodge of New York, commits a breach of Masonic law, Masonic courtesy, and violates every obligation of the Fraternity."

M. W. HENRY B. THIELSEN (*Salem*), Grand Master, and R. W. JAMES F. ROBINSON (*Eugene*), Grand Secretary, *re-elected*.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Annual Communication. PHILADELPHIA. December 27, 1899.

R. W. GEORGE E. WAGNER, Deputy Grand Master, Acting Grand Master, and the representatives of seventy-two Lodges.

Quarterly Communication, March 1, 1899.

The Deputy Grand Master made appropriate announcement of the great loss sustained by this jurisdiction in the death of M. W. HENRY W. WILLIAMS, Grand Master, occurring January 25, 1899, in less than a month after his installation into office. He was buried with Masonic ceremonies, and eloquent tributes are on record to his memory.

Quarterly Communication, June 7, 1899.

Again we have to record the death of another of the strong men of this jurisdiction, one who had been highly honored by the Craft, and who had made a proud record in the annals of the Fraternity of this Grand Jurisdiction—M. W. JOSEPH EICHBAUM, Past Grand Master, whose death occurred April 15, 1899. An eloquent eulogy graces the proceedings before us.

Quarterly Communication, December 6, 1899.

R. W. GEORGE E. WAGNER, Acting Grand Master, and the representatives of three hundred and thirty-six Lodges. The Grand Officers were elected for the ensuing year.

The yearly statements of the various Grand Lodge Funds are as follows:

Grand Lodge Charity Fund.....	\$76,000.00
Girard Bequest.....	63,950.00
Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund.....	54,426.25
Stephen Taylor Bequest.....	11,050.10

The liability on account of the 4 per cent. loan has been reduced to \$198,100.00. The net assets of the Grand Lodge, including real estate, invested and General Fund, represent \$1,659,064.92. Extensive improvements are contemplated to the Temple Building.

Annual Communication, December 27, 1899.

The Acting Grand Master in his annual address alludes to the fact that he had courteously declined to take part in the celebration of the Centennial of the death of BRO. GEORGE WASHINGTON. This decision was predicated upon the belief "that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania should adhere to its traditions and not participate in *any public* demonstration. Such had always been the practice, and it should not be infringed." Further the Grand Master said: "In Pennsylvania the Grand Lodge never appears in public, and, by its Constitution, it forbids its subordinates to do so." The instances of corner-stones and funerals are claimed to be the acts of the Grand Master and of the brethren respectively; not in the capacity of a Grand or Subordinate Lodge.

We must confess that we are not able to comprehend the nice distinction made, but such is the claim of our Pennsylvania brethren.

The public ceremonial of the laying of a corner-stone by the Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Officers, would appear to us as a public function by the Grand Lodge.

The discharge of the rights of burial by the Master of a Lodge and the members thereof has every appearance to us of a Lodge in public.

In neither case does it seem appropriate to us to term it an act of individuals, and seemingly it appears as a distinction without a difference.

The Grand Master reviewed the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington in connection with the correspondence had with M^r. W^c. BRO. UPRON, and in the enunciation of reasons why the decree of non-intercourse should not be abrogated said as follows:

"In June, 1899, the Grand Lodge of Washington again considered the subject, and apparently rescinded its former action. I say apparently, because it was not, in my opinion, done in reality; the subject was before the Grand Lodge in the shape of a report of a Committee of Seven Past Grand Masters, and we are advised that this report was adopted, 'the vote being almost unanimous.' This report was quite lengthy, and recommended that the action of the previous year be reconsidered, which was done, with the result that the resolutions previously adopted, with one exception, were repealed. If that had been the whole action, it would have been entirely satisfactory to us, and the edict severing fraternal relations would at once have been recalled; but coupled with this was the adoption of the report of the Committee, which, in several places, practically reaffirmed the action of 1898, notably so in this paragraph: 'Nor can this Grand Lodge consent to tolerate the idea that her Lodges do not possess the plenary right to determine for themselves—but for no one else—subject to review by nobody but herself, the status of all persons, claiming to be Masons, who knock at their doors, either for the purpose of visiting or as applicants for affiliation.'

"Upon receipt of the official notice of the action of June, 1899, I wrote to Most Worshipful BRO. WILLIAM M. SEEMAN, the new Grand Master, concerning the action of his Grand Lodge, and asking him if it is now permissible for their subordinate Lodges to admit as visitors the two parties referred to in last year's proceedings, or any others of like Masonic standing; to which he replied that it was not. Upon the receipt of this letter I felt disposed to recall the edict of non-intercourse, but, after further consideration, concluded to postpone action for the present, recognizing the fact that, while the decision of Grand Master SEEMAN was binding on his Grand Lodge during his Grand Mastership, that, after all, the action of the Grand Lodge governed the case, and his successor might interpret it differently, and we might be compelled, shortly, to issue another edict in place of the one recalled.

"The last action of the Grand Lodge of Washington says, in substance, 'Our Lodges have the right to decide on the legitimacy of all applicants for affiliation or visitation, subject to review by this Grand Lodge only; if one of our Lodges admits as a visitor, or to membership, a man who has been declared illegitimate by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, who derives his Masonic life say from the "African" Grand Lodge, or the "Hiram" Grand Lodge, Pennsylvania has no right to object if our Grand Lodge does not;' in other words, 'We reserve to our own Lodges, and our Grand Lodge, the exclusive right to decide upon the legitimacy of all visitors or affiliates, and deny the right of any other Grand Lodge to have an opinion on the subject.' The present Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington agrees that such parties as appeared in 1898 cannot be admitted, but this decision may, or may not, be confirmed and continued by his successor or his Grand Lodge.

"Pennsylvania cannot agree that Washington shall have the exclusive right to decide such questions, but claims to have, and exercise, as fully as heretofore, the right of self-protection. She cannot consent that her declaration of the clandestine and illegitimate character of the "African" Grand Lodge and the "Hiram" Grand Lodge shall be subject to review by the Grand Lodge of Washington or any of its subordinates, which would be the case if we agreed to the view contained in the Report of the Seven Past Grand Masters and adopted by the Grand Lodge of Washington."

Alluding to the prerogative of a Grand Master to "make Masons at sight, or by virtue of his presence," the claim that it is a prerogative inherent to the office we think cannot be denied. He had, however, declined to depart from the usual and orderly procedure, and we admire the good judgment displayed.

"Let us stand on the high plane that all must come to us, and in the prescribed way only. Do not let us indulge the idea of making Freemasonry easy. Let all petition and of their own free will and accord pass the scrutiny of the investigation committee and the ordeal of the ballot. Let our material be well tried by all our tests before it is incorporated in the Masonic edifice."

The subject of Physical Qualification had required some considerable attention, and the Grand Master laid down the strict rule—a *perfect man*. From some of the edicts reported it would seem to us that petitioners have to suffer by reason of irregularities on the part of the Master or Secretary—omissions to comply with the local regulations. This does not seem to us strictly equitable and just.

Subsequently, we are pleased to note in the address of the Grand Master, after his installation, that he admitted the injustice and proposes as a corrective:

"That in all such cases hereafter occurring, where a petitioner is unlawfully made, or unlawfully admitted as a member, so that the Grand Master is obliged, in the fulfilment of his duty, to set aside such initiation or admission, the Master of the Lodge will be suspended from his office."

We note that the disbursements from the three Charitable Funds the past year amounted to \$7,681.00.

From among the decisions reported we select the following:

"A reception cannot be held in a Lodge-room. Lodges cannot hold a reception in the Lodge-room or elsewhere; nor can Lodge funds be used to defray the expenses of a reception; nor can the Lodge name be used for such a purpose. The powers and duties of Lodges are set forth in their Warrants, in the Ahiman Rezon and the Usages and Customs of the Fra-

ternity. These include Lodges at labor and Lodges at refreshment. A Masonic banquet must be for Masons only.

"No Masonic Lodge can participate in a civic procession.

"An installed officer cannot resign his office, he being obligated to serve for the Masonic year.

"A petitioner who can neither read nor write, save only his own name, may be initiated, if otherwise qualified and regularly approved by the Lodge.

"In consequence of a discussion having arisen between the Worshipful Master of a Lodge and a military organization as to their proper places at the funeral of a brother, I decided: If a Masonic burial is desired by the family of a deceased brother, and the Worshipful Master accepts the duty, the funeral must be conducted in strict accord with Masonic Law and Usages, otherwise the brethren cannot participate. We do not force ourselves upon the friends of the deceased, and they have the right to decide whether the funeral shall be Masonic or otherwise; if Masonic, our Usages must be observed.

"If a summons to a delinquent is not actually *signed* by the Worshipful Master, the suspension of such member for non-payment of dues is unlawful and void."

The Grand Lodge was visited by M.' W.' JOSIAH W. EWAN, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, and M.' W.' J. HARMER RILE, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Delaware.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Correspondence (212 pp.) is signed by M.' W.' MICHAEL ARNOLD, R.' W.' JAMES M. LAMBERTON, and BROS. BUSHROD W. JAMES, LEE S. SMITH, and BENJAMIN F. HUGHES. The proceedings of fifty-four Grand Lodges have judicious review, all but eight of which should be credited to BRO. LAMBERTON.

Under MAINE, the Committee devote considerable space to a consideration of the criticism by M.' W.' BRO. DRUMMOND of the documents presented in the address by BRO. SACHE in substantiation of the claim of the Pennsylvania brethren that Philadelphia is the Mother City of Freemasonry in this country.

We leave the controversy to our brethren, with the conviction that it will always be a subject for disagreement between the adherents of the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts and Pennsylvania. BRO. LAMBERTON concludes his argument as follows:

"1. There was a Provincial Grand Master of the Provinces of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, BRO. DANIEL COXE, appointed by the Grand Master of England in the year 1730 (June 5), and there were Masonic Lodges at work in Philadelphia during that year.

"2. BRO. HENRY PRICE was appointed Provincial Grand Master of New England in the year 1733 (April 30).

"From the above we draw the irresistible conclusion that BRO. COXE warranted the Philadelphia Lodges.

"We assert an undeniable fact when we say that there were Lodges in Pennsylvania before there were any in Massachusetts or elsewhere in America."

We agree with BRO. LAMBERTON that the following is sound Masonic law:

"We do not believe that we can acquire such jurisdiction over rejected material as to give us the right to adopt serious measures against a sister

Grand Jurisdiction in which such rejected material has been made a Mason. Nor do we think it would be wise to cut off Masonic communication with any such Grand Jurisdiction because it refuses to recognize our right to hold perpetual jurisdiction. We have a right upon that subject to make laws to prevent a Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction from acting upon the rejected material of any Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction, but when we assume that we have a right to complain to other Grand Jurisdictions which do not hold this to be the correct Masonic doctrine, we, in our opinion, exceed the bounds of Masonic courtesy.

"It is only when some other Grand Jurisdiction adopts some theory which is antagonistic to the principles of Masonry, or which will tend to its discredit, that we have a right in our diplomatic intercourse to adopt such harsh measures as to cut off Masonic communication with it.

"We may, however, protect ourselves by refusing all Masonic recognition of a Mason made in a foreign jurisdiction out of our rejected material."

New York for 1899 has brotherly consideration. Referring to the correspondence between Grand Master SUTHERLAND and M.'. W.'. BRO. UPTON, our brother says "that it must have conveyed some new ideas on old and well-settled principles to that brother" (M.'. W.'. BRO. UPTON).

M.'. W.'. GEORGE E. WAGNER (*Philadelphia*), Grand Master, and R.'. W.'. WILLIAM A. SINN (*Philadelphia*), Grand Secretary, *re-elected*.

RHODE ISLAND.

109th Communication.

PROVIDENCE.

May 15, 1899.

M.'. W.'. CYRUS M. VAN SLYCK, Grand Master, the representatives of twenty-nine Lodges, and New York by R.'. W.'. and REV. HENRY W. RUGG.

Special Communication was held May 18, 1898, at Providence, to consecrate to the uses of Freemasonry the Altar erected by Saint John's Lodge No. 1, to replace the one consumed in the fire which destroyed the Freemason's Hall, March 19, 1896.

We also have an account of the Centennial Celebration of Washington Lodge No. 5, Wickford, R. I., the Grand Officers taking part therein.

Semi-Annual Communication, November 24, 1898.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence—R.'. W.'. HENRY W. RUGG—presented an eminently fair and able report upon the "questions growing out of the action taken by the Grand Lodge of Washington, in practically recognizing the legitimacy of the so-called negro Masonic Lodges of the United States." The opinion is therein expressed "that these organizations are irregular and essentially 'clandestine,' and exist adverse to Masonic regulations and law. To hold otherwise seems to involve leaving many things of undoubted history out of the account, and to jump at conclusions in a most reckless manner." Resolutions appended to the report were adopted by the Grand Lodge, including the following:

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island stands now, as heretofore, on the 'American Doctrine' that only one Grand Lodge can be erected in the same jurisdiction, and that such Grand Body cannot divide with another Body the control of the Craft in any given State or Territory."

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, believing that its sister Grand Lodge, in Washington, has been misled in the premises, and has acted hastily, not having taken into account the full bearing of all the facts and principles, expresses its earnest hope that there may come a reconsideration of the action taken, that so harmony may be maintained among American Grand Lodges and Masons."

Special Communication was held February 22, 1899, at Providence, to celebrate the Centennial of Mount Vernon Lodge No. 4.

In the Annual Address of the Grand Master the following case is reported:

"It appears from the record that the Worshipful Master was absent from the Communication, and that the Senior Warden was in the chair. A ballot was ordered to be taken on a petition for the degrees, which the records state proved to be foul, and the Master then ordered another ballot to be taken on said petition; that before the ballot was taken the Master asked for remarks, most of the members present speaking in behalf of the applicant for the degrees; that then a ballot was taken and it was still found to be foul; that the Master then asked the member who had cast a foul ball to speak if the party had anything against the petitioner; that a certain officer of the Lodge stated that he had cast the black ball; that he had nothing against the applicant personally, but that he had cast it at the request of an absent member of the Lodge; that after a heated discussion following this statement, by arrangement the objecting brother asked to be excused, retired from the Lodge room, and the third ballot was taken, which was found to be clear."

His decision thereon being that all proceedings subsequent to the second ballot were improper, and that the candidate stands a rejected petitioner. The objectionable features of the course of the acting Master will readily suggest themselves, when attention is directed to the essential requisite of the *secrecy* of the ballot.

The Grand Lodge decided against the use of the stereopticon or of robes or costumes in the work of a Lodge.

The archives of the Grand Lodge were enriched by the presentation of a valuable and interesting document, viz.: "A commission issued by Grand Master JEREMY GRIDLEY, appointing ROBERT JENKINS Deputy Grand Master. This interesting relic bears date January 20, 1760, and is attested by the signature of JOHN LEVERETT, Grand Secretary, and bears the seal of the Provincial Grand Lodge."

Receipts, \$2,906.51; disbursements, \$3,009.97, and balance on hand, \$47.99.

Next Annual Communication, Providence, May —, 1900.

M^r. W^r. MILTON LIVSEY (*Providence*), Grand Master, and R^r. W^r. EDWIN BAKER (*Providence*), Grand Secretary, *re-elected*.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

123d Communication.

CHARLESTON.

December 12, 1899.

M. W. BARTLETT J. WITHERSPOON, Grand Master, the representatives of one hundred and sixty-eight Lodges, and New York by R. W. CHARLES INGLESBY.

M. W. J. ADGEE SMYTH, Past Grand Master, Mayor of the city of Charleston, voiced a cordial welcome to the members of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master reported Masonry in a flourishing condition in this jurisdiction—two new Lodges under dispensation. In reference to the appeal, issued by the Grand Master, for the benefit of the daughter of a worthy deceased member of this Grand Lodge, the sum of \$320.55 had been collected by the Lodges.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made report of the action had by the Grand Lodge of Washington, 1899, but inasmuch as this Grand Lodge had not received any official notification thereof, no action was taken. We infer that it is left in the hands of the Grand Master.

Due report was made of the presentation of the testimonial (a gold watch), ordered by the Grand Lodge, to M. W. JACOB T. BARROW, Past Grand Master.

R. W. HENRY A. DE SAUSSURE, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Cuba, delivered an interesting and instructive address on Freemasonry in Cuba.

The Constitutional Amendment, proposed last year, to authorize "the Grand Master to grant dispensations for Lodges to receive such candidates as, in his judgment, could literally comply with all the requirements of the Ritual," failed to obtain the necessary two-thirds vote, and therefore perfectness is maintained as the law.

We notice "that a new and perfect book, in place of a defective one," and "a new one to replace one lost," were ordered issued to two Lodges.

The Grand Secretary was authorized to have published a new edition of the Ahiman Rezon used in this jurisdiction.

An invitation was extended to the representatives to attend the Masonic Fair then being held in Columbia—its object being to secure funds for furnishing a new Masonic Temple.

We are pleased to note that a proposition to omit the report on Correspondence for the ensuing year did not prevail. The Grand Lodge concluded to furnish the Grand Secretary with extra help to aid in the preparation of the new Ahiman Rezon without deprive the membership of the benefit of BRO. INGLESBY'S valuable report on Correspondence.

Receipts, \$9,352.70; disbursements, \$9,366.81, and balance on hand, \$83.63.

Next Annual Communication, Charleston, December 11, 1900.

CORRESPONDENCE.

R. W. CHARLES INGLESBY furnishes a thorough report on Correspondence (160 pp.), embracing the proceedings of fifty-six Grand Lodges, including generous treatment to New York for 1899.

Having but just concluded reading the Correspondence report of the Grand Lodge of Washington, it is refreshing to take up our brother's work. There is a marked contrast, and we thank him for his kind consideration.

We judge from the correspondence elicited under WASHINGTON that said Grand Lodge has discontinued the exchange of printed Proceedings with those Grand Lodges which had issued edicts of non-intercourse. The Grand Secretary at the date of February, 1900, had not yet received the Proceedings of June, 1899.

M. W. ORLANDO SHEPPARD (*Edgefield*), Grand Master, and R. W. CHARLES INGLESBY (*Charleston*), Grand Secretary, *re-elected*.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

26th Communication.

ABERDEEN.

June 12, 1900.

M. W. WILLIAM H. RODDLE, Grand Master, the representatives of seventy-nine Lodges, and W. JOHN SCOTT, Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, as a visitor.

The Grand Lodge was welcomed by W. A. F. MILLIGAN, Master of Aberdeen Lodge, No. 38.

The Grand Master had the gratification of announcing the sound position of the Fraternity in this jurisdiction and that no inroad had been made in the official line by death. Two Lodges had been created under dispensation. Alluding to the prosperity which had crowned the Lodges, he attributed it largely to the attention paid to keeping up the dues of the members—certainly a very important factor. Referring to "rotation in office," the Grand Master recommended a middle course, holding very justly "that fitness only should recommend a brother for advancement."

The following from the conclusion of the Grand Master's address, is worthy of thought:

"Yet there is one more point upon which I wish to touch, which is, that charity does not consist solely in furnishing financial aid to the needy (though that is a duty not to be disregarded); but where there is one opportunity for action in this direction, there is a score where our duty is just as plain: To assist and sustain a falling brother; to whisper good counsel; to vindicate his character; to keep a tongue of good report; to judge not. Who can measure the power for good of these duties well done? Misfortune may come to you. Friends forsake you. Slander may smirch your good name. In such an hour what greater comfort than the cheering words of the brother who will believe no evil—Spoken as well behind your back as before your face. 'Faith without works is dead.'

What does it profit us, or those about us, that we meet around our sacred altar in solemn ceremonies if we do not at least endeavor to live out of the Lodge what we teach in it?"

The Grand Secretary, in his sixth annual report, indulged in a few personal remarks warranted by the fact "that he had very nearly reached his Masonic majority." He very correctly expressed his disapproval of the habit in some Lodges of "passing the office of Secretary around." It is remarkable that the brethren should not comprehend the fact that the office of Secretary is one of the greatest importance in the Lodge.

Fraternal greetings were extended the Grand Chapter O. E. S., then holding its annual session, and a committee appointed to consider the advisability of a permanent location for this Grand Lodge.

Business of the session largely of local interest. The *Signet*, published at Hot Springs, was designated as the official paper of the Craft of this jurisdiction.

Receipts, \$4,065.49; disbursements, \$3,280.30, and balance on hand, \$4,272.16. Grand Charity Fund, \$604.58.

Next Annual Communication, Sioux Falls, June 11, 1901.

CORRESPONDENCE.

W. S. A. BROWN presented a good report on Correspondence (136 pp.), reviewing the proceedings of fifty-eight Grand Bodies.

New York for 1899 has generous notice, and high appreciation was expressed of the ceremonial addresses delivered by Grand Master SUTHERLAND.

Our thanks are due for complimentary notice of our work, and our brother expresses his approval of the position taken by the Grand Lodge of New York in giving the same effect to a rejection as held in the Grand Jurisdiction wherein the rejection occurred. It would appear to us that our brother is unduly exercised (under WISCONSIN) in reference to the declaration that that Grand Lodge "had no official knowledge of the so-called higher orders of Masonry." A Mason expelled by a Lodge, loses his standing thereby in the Chapter, Council, and Commandery. Suspension for non-payment of dues only, depends upon the penalty attached thereto by the legislation of any Grand Lodge. Where the Eastern Star comes in we are at a loss to comprehend, for surely our brother cannot consider that society as a Masonic body. Neither is the Shrine to be so regarded.

Under his review of WASHINGTON (1899), our brother says:

"But the most amazing thing to us is the fact that although not one single Grand Lodge in all the world has published a resolution in favor of the position taken by Washington in 1898, so far as we know—the Grand Master is entirely unmoved. The opinions and feelings of his brethren do not seem to appeal to him in any way whatever. The great excitement caused by his action last year has promptly subsided, simply because he stands alone."

M. W. JOHN A. CLEAVER (*Huron*), Grand Master, and R. W. GEORGE A. PETTIGREW (*Flandreau*), Grand Secretary, re-elected.

TEXAS.*65th Communication.**HOUSTON.**December 4, 1900.*

M. W. B. M. LUSK, Grand Master, the representatives of four hundred and fifteen Lodges, eleven Past Grand Masters, and New York by W. C. W. PRESTON.

The Grand Master extended congratulations upon the prosperity which had prevailed throughout the jurisdiction, the only cloud having been the devastation of the city of Galveston and the loss of life and suffering occasioned thereby.

Among the list of the honored dead, M. W. BRO. FRANKLIN B. SEXTON—the oldest living Grand Master; special mention was made of M. W. ROBERT M. SMITH, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, who, with his wife and four children—being on a visit to Galveston at the time of the hurricane—“were swept away and their bodies never recovered.”

Foreign relations were reported as harmonious except with the Grand Lodge of Washington, and at the date of his address, the Grand Master had received no information of the action had by that Grand Lodge, June, 1899. He had decided “that it would not be proper to admit as a visitor, in a Texas Lodge, a member of that jurisdiction.”

Eight new Lodges had been created by dispensation. Inevitably a large portion of the address was devoted to an account of the Galveston hurricane, entailing a loss of life and property unparalleled in history—five thousand human beings swept away, irrespective of millions of dollars' worth of property destroyed. The pecuniary loss to the brethren in Galveston was estimated above a million dollars. Upon intelligence of the calamity, contributions had poured in from all over the country, “the brethren of New York sending thousands of dollars,” and by energetic and systematic methods much had been done toward alleviating the suffering. From a special report presented by M. W. M. F. MOTT, Past Grand Master, we excerpt the following incident:

“Perhaps the most impressive Lodge meeting ever held in Texas was the regular meeting of Harmony Lodge No. 6, held September 17th. Although the hall was wrecked and filled with supplies for the distressed, the members met in one end of it. They sat on grocery boxes, bean sacks, or stood around. Only three candles lighted the place, and in all the sombreness, with that awful gloom, the Lodge opened. The actions of the Master during the week previous were ratified and the Lodge funds appropriated to the relief committee, and the Lodge was closed. It was an affecting sight, and the voices of the officers were stifled with sobs as they went through their parts. The following Wednesday, under similar conditions, Tucker Lodge met, took the same action and closed. And when we make our report to the Grand Lodge there will be no regular meeting not entered on the record.”

Upon the question of physical qualifications, the Grand Master emphatically says: “No one who falls short of the *perfect* man physically is

entitled to the rights and privileges of Freemasonry in Texas." We do not ourselves believe that there is any warrant in the landmark for the requirement of "the perfect youth standard."

The decisions of the Grand Master were approved by the Grand Lodge, with the following exception. Most assuredly the expulsion by the Lodge in Mississippi was conclusive, and, upon due notice, the Lodge in Texas should have been governed thereby.

"16. F. L. Topia applied for the degrees in Longview Lodge, No. 404, at Longview, Texas, was initiated, applied for the Fellow Craft degree and was rejected. He then moved within the jurisdiction of Meridian Lodge, No. 308, at Meridian, Miss., again applied for the degrees, was elected and took the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees in No. 308, without the knowledge or consent of No. 404, and without the knowledge on the part of No. 308 that he had been rejected by No. 404. Upon being informed of the facts by the Texas Lodge the Mississippi Lodge expelled him. Question—'What action shall we take to get rid of him?'

"Answer—Prefer charges, try, and expel him if the facts justify. His expulsion by the Mississippi Lodge did not affect his status in the Texas Lodge, as the action of that Lodge in no way deprived the Texas Lodge of jurisdiction over him, and it was a nullity so far as the Texas Lodge was concerned."

The Committee on Jurisprudence, in reporting adversely thereon, said:

"There can be no question but that the Mississippi Lodge had jurisdiction to try the accused in this case, because he resided within the territorial jurisdiction of said Lodge and the offense was committed against that Lodge, wherefore the expulsion was legal and carried with it Masonic death everywhere in whatsoever degree he may have taken.

"And we recommend that Longview Lodge enter upon its minutes the facts showing the expulsion of F. L. Topia by Meridian Lodge, Mississippi."

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals in this jurisdiction always seem to have plenty of work for their consideration.

The report of the Widows' and Orphans' Home shows that it was opened for the reception of children (mainly), October 6, 1899, and during the first year sixty-three had been admitted and also one widow. An additional dormitory had been erected at an expense of \$11,735. The Home was dedicated June 12, 1900, by the Grand Master with the assistance of the officers of the Grand Lodge, in the presence of about 3,000 persons. On account of the restriction "to receive only widows and orphans of deceased Master Masons," applications, in several instances, had to be rejected in the instance of children of Master Masons whose wives had died, and the cases cited seem eminently worthy of the benefits of this Home. The superintendent reports the number of inmates as 76, with a per capita cost for maintenance of \$188.13.

The Grand Lodge appropriated \$8,000 for Home use, and legislation was introduced for the purposes of a stated income for the support of the Home, of an addition of fifty cents to the annual dues to the Grand Lodge from every Lodge member.

A committee was appointed to select another and more central geographical location for a Grand Lodge Masonic Temple.

Receipts, \$24,259.75; disbursements, \$27,747.81, and balance on hand, \$13,701.68.

Next Annual Communication, Houston, December 3, 1901.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Correspondence (90 pp.), by M. W. THOMAS M. MATTHEWS, SR., covers the proceedings of fifty-one Grand Lodges.

Our brother holds strenuously to the opinion that the Grand Lodge of Washington, in the Declaration of 1899, "reaffirmed and reiterated her former resolutions of 1898." We think it must be admitted that she repealed the *application* made in 1898 of her recognition of negro Masons, Lodges, and Grand Lodges. We admit the unsatisfactory character of the document in question. We doubt whether the Grand Lodge of Washington will give answers to the questions heretofore proposed by this Grand Lodge, although we can see no good reason why there should be any hesitation in doing so. The experience of the Grand Lodge of New York, so far as to the willingness of the Grand Lodge of Washington to rectify its action with reference to the invasion by the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, has not been conducive to confidence in remedial action.

New York for 1900 has the kind attention of our brother, and he compliments Grand Master POWNALL in saying, "the address opens with one of the most chaste and beautiful exordiums it has ever been our pleasure to read." Our brother is incorrect in the statement that "the Grand Lodge . . . refused for the present to withdraw the edict of non-intercourse," *in re* Washington. The Grand Lodge of New York did not issue an edict of non-intercourse.

M. W. N. W. WASHER (*San Antonio*), Grand Master, and R. W. JOHN WATSON (*Houston*), Grand Secretary, *re-elected*.

UTAH.

29th Communication.

OGDEN.

January 16, 1900.

M. W. JAMES D. MURDOCH, Grand Master, the representatives of nine Lodges, and New York by M. W. JOHN S. SCOTT.

Naught but words of encouragement were voiced by the Grand Master, and not a single question of law had been presented for consideration, which is exceptional. He had visited four of the Lodges and created one new Lodge under dispensation.

It would seem as if among the few Lodges within this jurisdiction—especially as they have the benefit of the services of a Grand Lecturer—uniformity of work might be secured; apparently not, however, if we are to judge by the Grand Master's account of one of his visits:

"So many new phrases were used, and even in the esoteric portion of the work so many new things substituted or added to, that I really did not know whether I was in a Utah Lodge or in a Lodge of some foreign

jurisdiction. It is needless to say that the Grand Officers accompanying me on the visit were likewise impressed."

Earnest words were uttered in disapproval of a custom prevalent among the Lodges in this jurisdiction of annually electing a new Worshipful Master. We agree with the Grand Master that such a course is apt to be injurious to the best interests of a Lodge. The Grand Master reported the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington (1899), and "while not agreeing with the declarations and conclusions" of the aforesaid Grand Lodge, recommended that it be accepted as rescinding its action *in re* negro Masonry. The Grand Lodge concurred.

The Grand Master was not favorably inclined toward the suggestion of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming, for the formation of a Supreme Grand Lodge. We think he correctly outlined the position held by all Grand Lodges, in the following:

"The Grand Lodge of Utah was organized in January, 1872, as an independent and sovereign Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, and is recognized as such by every Grand Lodge on the face of the globe. Its independence and sovereignty is as dear to all of us as life itself. The laws this Grand Lodge has adopted since its formation, and under which it works and lives, are in strict conformity with the Ancient Landmarks, regulations, and usages of Symbolic Freemasonry, and by these laws every Mason in Utah is governed. The laws of our Grand Lodge are the only power we recognize; we yield to no other Masonic power, and we propose to maintain the independence of our Grand Lodge till the end of time."

The report of the Grand Secretary would indicate that the Lodges had been vigilant in scrutinizing the qualifications of applicants for degrees; notwithstanding which the increase in membership had been the greatest in any year (except one) in the history of the Grand Lodge.

It was resolved that the names of any Grand Representatives who had failed to attend two consecutive annual sessions of the Grand Lodge, should be reported at any annual communication with a view of recommending their removal.

The Grand Orient of Belgium was recognized. It may not be amiss to state in connection therewith that the treaty under which the Supreme Council surrendered all control over the three symbolic degrees bears date April 4, 1880. The chairman of the committee was requested to adopt the topical form in the presentation of the next report on Correspondence. We should not agree with the reasons assigned therefor, although we have no doubt that BRO. DIEHL will make a successful venture.

The public reception and banquet given the Grand Lodge by Weber Lodge No. 6, of Ogden, received the warmest meed of praise at the hands of the Grand Secretary.

It is not unusual in the proceedings of Grand Lodges to read of the presentation of a testimonial to the retiring Grand Master. In the present instance we note a variation therefrom, viz.: "that M. W. BRO. MURDOCH be fraternally requested to present to the Grand Lodge his portrait in frame, etc."

Receipts, \$1,890.50; disbursements, \$1,702.40, and balance on hand, \$2,613.19.

Next Annual Communication, Salt Lake City, January 15, 1901.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Correspondence (144 pp.), R. W. CHRISTOPHER DIEHL, comprehends the proceedings of fifty-six Grand Lodges, including New York for 1899, which has most gracious consideration. We always find food for reflection in the reports of our brother, and the present—his twenty-fourth annual—is no exception.

Our brother presents as an addenda a valuable and interesting account of the centennial observance of the death of W. GEORGE WASHINGTON, held at Mount Vernon, Va., December 14, 1899, compiled from printed sources and personal notes. It is by far the most complete of any we have seen and the Craft is greatly indebted to him therefor.

Under direction of the Grand Master the subordinate Lodges had also held memorial services, and the account thereof and reproduction of the several addresses delivered adds to the completeness of this magnificent testimony of respect on the part of the Fraternity to the memory of a justly esteemed member of our Grand Fraternity.

M. W. GEORGE V. SCHRAMM (*Ogden*), Grand Master, and R. W. CHRISTOPHER DIEHL (*Salt Lake City*), Grand Secretary, *re-elected*.

VERMONT.

107th Communication.

BURLINGTON.

June 13, 1900.

M. W. W. SCOTT NAY, Grand Master, the representatives of eighty-five Lodges, nine Past Grand Masters, and the following distinguished visitors: M. W. JOSEPH E. MOORE, Grand Master, and JOSIAH W. EWAN, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, and M. W. JOSEPH A. LOCKE, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

The Grand Master expressed congratulations that the Grand Lodge of Washington had rescinded its objectionable regulations "respecting the recognition of clandestine negro Masons," and recited the pleasures incident to his attendance at the Grand Lodge of Virginia and participation in the Washington memorial observance. He had attended the several district meetings held by the Grand Lecturer, and testified that the results therein attained were to him a surprise, the work being ideal.

It would appear to us that when a profane had left one State and taken up a residence within another, there was no jurisdiction to be waived, nor is any masonically acquired until the lapse of the required time, usually one year.

The Grand Master urged the brethren to keep in mind the project of the establishment of a Masonic Home, and encouragement was drawn from the fact that in many Lodges the suggestion of last year "had already begun to bear fruit," and efforts made to aid in the formation of a fund for that purpose.

It is pleasant to recite the following, albeit personal in character—an exhibit of the highest type of manhood:

"The majority of those who were present at the session of Grand Lodge one year ago, when you honored me with the highest gift which was yours to grant, may recall the very pleasant incident of that occasion. Through the courtesy of Past Grand Master NICHOLSON, my aged father, whose thirty-five years of Masonic life had been an inspiration to me, was invited to a seat on the platform during the election, and his heart was filled to overflowing by the sincere fraternal greetings extended by all Past Grand Masters, whose words of congratulation and cheer were recorded and treasured, and which, I am assured, rendered it the happiest day of his life.

"To me, his presence on that occasion was an event long hoped for, and seemingly God had spared him to be a witness of the great honor which you were to bestow upon his son.

"On November 2, 1899, he was called home. Often, during the later days of his life, while his faculties were unimpaired, he alluded with joy to the circumstances of that day, which rendered it one of ideal happiness, since his brightest hopes had been realized and fondest anticipations fulfilled.

"Words fail to convey the degree of thankfulness that I feel toward all who so thoughtfully welcomed and greeted him, which fraternal acts proved a benediction to the end of his life. Neither am I unmindful of the many letters of condolence which I received from brothers who knew of his decease, and whose words of comfort assuaged the personal sorrow. My ambition will be satisfied, if in the great drama of life I shall succeed in acting as well my part—as a true Mason, an upright man, and a model father. 'Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his.'"

But three decisions are reported. We note one.

"2. One who is a member of a Lodge in this jurisdiction should not sign a petition for a dispensation for a Lodge in another jurisdiction, or become a charter member of a Lodge in another jurisdiction, without consent of the Lodge with which he is affiliated."

The Grand Lodge rescinded its action of last year, extending fraternal recognition to the Grand Orient of Belgium, for the good and sufficient reason that said Grand Orient was in fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of France.

We addressed a communication to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Orient of Belgium in reference to this matter, but have had no reply.

No appeals or grievances before the Grand Body.

The Grand Master had denied a dispensation to a Lodge to attend divine service in regalia, giving as a reason his inability "to be convinced that any Masonic Lodge can derive any additional benefits by attendance upon religious service clad in Lodge uniform." The Committee on Jurisprudence, in their consideration thereof, reported:

"Without questioning the power of the Grand Master to withhold a dispensation for reasons satisfactory to himself, we cannot concur in his views as to the propriety of the brethren of a Lodge attending church in regalia, if they so desire, when the service is of a Masonic character; in our opinion it is made a Masonic occasion, and from the early days when our Grand Lodge 'called off,' and in grand procession marched to a church in full regalia to listen to that stalwart old parson, REV. JONATHAN NYE, our third Grand Master, the custom adopted by some of our Lodges in observing St. John's day, and others, by listening to an appropriate address, in regalia, or otherwise, has never been questioned by this Grand Lodge, and while according to every brother the right to his views as to the propriety of such action, we do not feel that the Grand Lodge should attempt to interfere with it."

Receipts, \$4,240.17; disbursements, \$3,053.88, and balance on hand, \$2,003.34.

Next Annual Communication, Burlington, June 12, 1901.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Correspondence (141 pp.), by M^r. W^r. MARSH O. PERKINS, covers the proceedings of fifty-three Grand Lodges. We always enjoy our brother's reports, they are not only sound on Masonic lines, but our brother's method compels thoughtful and fraternal attention.

We agree that a man blind in one eye is qualified to become a Mason.

Commenting upon the declaration adopted by the Grand Lodge of Washington, 1899, he says:

"It is the consensus of opinion of every American Grand Lodge, and of every Masonic writer of weight and authority in the country, with barely an exception, that the Grand Lodge of Washington by its action in 1898 attempted to place the stamp of legitimacy upon those who could trace their so-called Masonic lineage to Prince Hall and his associates. We had hoped, and so expressed ourselves last year, that our brethren of Washington would realize they had been misled and would at the earliest opportunity gracefully and fraternally acknowledge their error. Had the sixth resolution of the declaration of 1899 ended with the words, 'said resolution is repealed,' it would have been more creditable to, and more in accord with the dignity of the Grand Lodge, professing to repeal the obnoxious legislation of the preceding year. As it is, it is questionable whether or not anything has been repealed; whether or not emphasis has not been given to the very expression of opinion, so-called, that both invited and justified the most emphatic protest and criticism.

"However we are not disposed to discuss their latest manifesto. We are told it repeals the action of 1898. We hope so. And we most fervently hope that no Grand Lodge may ever again be placed in so unfortunate a position as to be 'misunderstood' by all of her sister American Grand Lodges. It is not conducive to the self-respect of, if it be not humiliating to, the unfortunate Grand Lodge so situated."

New York for 1899 has just consideration. We desire to correct an error in connection with the disposition of a matter in which New York has a direct interest. The Grand Lodge of Washington *has not* rescinded its action in annulling the edict of non-intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, but has again postponed action for another year. Apparently the correction of an "unintentional error" does not suit the views of M^r. W^r. BRO. UPTON.

M^r. W^r. W. SCOTT NAY (*Underhill*), Grand Master, *re-elected*, and R^r. W^r. WARREN G. REYNOLDS (*Burlington*), Grand Secretary, *re-elected*.

VIRGINIA.

122d Communication.

ALEXANDRIA.

December 15, 1899.

M^r. W^r. R. T. W. DUKE, JR., Grand Master, and the representatives of over two hundred Lodges. Grand Officers and visitors were reported present from twenty-nine Grand Jurisdictions, including Canada, Nova Scotia, and Belgium.

After the formal opening of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master extended a most cordial and happy welcome to the distinguished Masons who had gathered to do honor "to the most illustrious son of America and the most illustrious of Virginia Masons." One brother from each Grand Jurisdiction was then introduced, received with appropriate honors, and made due response to the cordial greeting. The several addresses are reported in full.

After an eloquent introduction harmonizing with the spirit of the hour, the Grand Master proceeded to deliver his annual address. Ten dispensations had been issued for new Lodges and charters were granted to seven at this session. The Grand Lodge gave its approval to the decision rendered. As we read the proceedings we are impressed with the fact that M'. W'. BRO. DUKE had proven himself the right man in the right place, and he richly deserved the generous words of commendation voiced by the Grand Lodge. The spirit of the man is impressively outlined in the closing words of his admirable address:

"I congratulate you on the peace, harmony, and prosperity existing among the Lodges in this Commonwealth. Truly we can realize how sweet and pleasant it is to dwell together in harmony. Two things have struck me in my going in and coming out amongst my brethren. One is the sincere devotion of our members to the Craft, and their earnest desire to live up to the teachings, to learn its work and the law. The other is the loyalty of Virginia Masons to their Grand Master, and the warm appreciation they manifest to the incumbent of that high office. No matter what their own opinions are, ready, cheerful, unquestioning assent is at once given to every decision, and their main endeavor seems to be to aid, comfort and assist, never to cavil or criticise. To me this fact has added a dignity, a solemnity, and a sense of high and great responsibility to the office, which has made its duties almost onerous. I am, therefore, not loath to lay it down, though all through this incumbency my hands have been held up by the warm affection of all my brethren. I shall look back upon the last two years, despite the sorrows that have overshadowed them, the cares that have weighted them, as amongst the happiest and proudest of my life, for I have learned to know and to love you, brethren, as never before. Knowledge and love—by the first—illegally used—came death and all our woe; by the second, life and happiness. They can exist apart, it is true, but when combined they make up the only complete human life."

On the evening of the first day's session, the Grand Lodge and visiting brethren participated in a banquet given by the brethren of Alexandria. It was made the occasion of the presentation of a cane to M'. W'. BRO. WOODBURY, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Colorado.

On the 14th inst. occurred the observance of the 100th anniversary of the death of W'. BRO. GEORGE WASHINGTON, at Mount Vernon. Representatives were present from forty-seven Grand Jurisdictions, the President of the United States, members of the Cabinet, and other visitors. It is not our purpose to reproduce the proceedings. At the conclusion of the exercises at the tomb—which must have been very impressive—the procession returned to the Mansion House, where the President of the United States, HON. BRO. WILLIAM MCKINLEY, delivered an eloquent address. One sentence therein comprehends the whole matter: "The nation is his best eulogist and his noblest monument." From the address delivered by M'. W'. Grand Master DUKE, we excerpt the following Masonic record:

"It has been with some feeling of amused contempt, that I have seen it stated and insisted upon that WASHINGTON was never a Mason, or if ever one, ceased to recognize his membership or obligations. WASHINGTON never failed to recognize any obligation from the greatest to the smallest. This was one of the characteristics of the man, one of the characteristics of every truly great man, one of the characteristics that man derives from God, to whom there is nothing great or small, in whose august vision the fall of the sparrow is observed as well as the wreck of a world. That WASHINGTON was made a Mason in Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, August 4, 1753, no man can deny; I, myself, have seen the record. That he was a charter member of Alexandria Lodge (now Alexandria-Washington) No. 22, and its first Worshipful Master, can be proven by as indisputable evidence as that he was our first President. That LAFAYETTE was made a Mason in his presence is beyond dispute, and to-day we have here the Masonic regalia worked by Madam Lafayette, presented to WASHINGTON by LAFAYETTE himself, and accepted by him as a Mason. And to-day we have borne the Bible, the jewels, and the three lights borne by the Lodge at his funeral as a Mason, one hundred years ago, and I hold in my hand as I speak, the gavel he used when clothed as a Mason and acting as Grand Master of Masons he laid the corner-stone of the Capitol. What he thought of Masonry can be easily found if any one desires to find it, in his answers to the addresses of Masonic Lodges in this Union. Printed in his writings they are of easy access to every man, and he it was who summed up the conclusion of the whole matter when he said in answer to the address of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to their 'Illustrious Brother GEORGE WASHINGTON,' on the 27th day of December, 1797, 'the great object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race.'"

No business before the Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

The proceedings are illumined with portraits of M^r. W. GEORGE W. WRIGHT, Grand Master *elect*, and W. GEORGE WASHINGTON, representing him as Master of Alexandria Lodge No. 22.

Receipts, \$17,045.07; disbursements, \$17,165.19, and balance on hand, \$173.55.

Next Annual Communication, Richmond, December 4, 1900.

CORRESPONDENCE.

W. JOSEPH W. EGGLESTON submitted the report on Correspondence (112 pp.), covering the proceedings of fifty-nine Grand Lodges. New York for 1899 has fraternal consideration, although we regard our brother's remark in connection with the re-establishment of the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico as in very questionable taste.

"It is to be hoped that it is of our Rite, so that we can do likewise, but New York's recognition, we regret to say, is no evidence of the fact, as that Grand Lodge recognizes almost anything calling itself Masonry which first occupies territory."

Our brother says: "We care for nothing but legitimate symbolic Masonry of the York Rite. With anything, outside of that, we, as Masons, have nothing to do." Upon that basis is excluded a large portion of the Masonry in foreign countries, under the Scottish Rite, of which Belgium—recognized by the Grand Lodge of Virginia—is a part. We also, in passing, mention Egypt and Switzerland.

We have no desire to thrash old straw, and hence pass over our brother's criticism of the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington in 1898 and

1899, with the remark that he has in a few words given M. W. BRO. UPTON a well-deserved rebuke for his harsh expressions and unjust inferences. Alluding to the report of the committee of seven (1899), he says, in part:

"As to the second resolution, which declared all (so-called) Masons tracing Masonic descent from Prince Hall regular, they repealed it in terms, while declaring its truth entirely clear to themselves, only because it had been as they claim misunderstood elsewhere, but went on to say that from motives of comity toward England they do not forbid their constituent Lodges to recognize as a brother Mason any one claiming Masonic descent from England, and put their own Masonic descent in the same category by implication as that of Prince Hall (so-called) Masons. This looks disingenuous. They should either have repealed the resolution and stopped there, or reaffirmed it and taken the consequences."

M. W. GEORGE W. WRIGHT (*Marion*), Grand Master, and R. W. GEORGE W. CARRINGTON (*Richmond*), Grand Secretary, *re-elected*.

WASHINGTON.

43d Communication.

TACOMA.

June 12, 1900.

M. W. WILLIAM M. SEEMAN, Grand Master, the representatives of ninety-seven Lodges, twelve Past Grand Masters, and R. W. W. A. DE WOLF SMITH, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, as a visitor.

The Grand Master delivered a good business address, and with the tidings of peace and prosperity, had the sad announcement to make of the deaths of five honored brethren of this jurisdiction; among the number being Past Grand Masters M. W. PLATT A. PRESTON and M. W. JAMES E. EDMISTON, and R. W. WILLIAM McMICKEN, Grand Treasurer. Three new Lodges had been created by dispensation.

Upon the question of the prerogative of a Grand Master to make a Mason at sight, the Grand Master expressed an opinion which will not be generally assented to. While we may question the necessity for any such exercise of power, the possession of that authority is an Ancient Landmark and in no sense "generally exploded."

"The doctrine—due in some instances to a misunderstanding of a quite different practice of our ancient brethren, and in others to a blind adherence to a practice of no great antiquity—that Grand Masters possess a prerogative to make Masons at sight, is still tolerated in a few jurisdictions; but among better informed Masons must be considered thoroughly exploded."

The Centennial of the death of BRO. GEORGE WASHINGTON had been duly and properly observed by the subordinate Lodges, and during the session the Grand Secretary, who had been in attendance at the services held at Mount Vernon—under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Virginia—presented a complete and interesting report. The Grand Master enlarged upon the importance of the formation of a fund to be in future devoted to

the establishment of a Masonic Home. During the session a special committee made a report upon this subject, and it was decided "that a Masonic Home should be established," and a committee was appointed to investigate and report fully upon all phases of the subject at the next Annual Communication.

The Grand Master presented for consideration the propriety of eliminating from the membership of the Grand Lodge the Past Masters of Lodges, who now have a vote therein, but the Grand Lodge declined to make any change in the present personnel of its membership. The Grand Master, in a few instances, had issued dispensations to Lodges to elect and install respectively a Worshipful Master, a Senior Warden, and Junior Warden, who after regular election had declined to be installed. The Grand Lodge held that "he had no power to grant a dispensation to fill a vacancy in one of said offices, except in cases where the offices of Master and Wardens all became vacant." Such is New York law.

We note the following decisions:

"1. Any member of a Lodge may object to sitting in his own Lodge with a visitor whom he considers objectionable.

"2. A brother receiving a majority of all votes cast for an elective office in the Lodge is duly elected. A blank ballot is not a vote.

"3. A Lodge has no right to confer the F. C. or M. M. degree, or either of them, on a candidate of another Lodge without the request or consent of the Lodge whose material he is.

"4. The fact that charges have been preferred against a brother does not affect his right to participate in the work of the Lodge while such charges are pending, but undetermined.

"6. Notice to the Lodge by its W. M., that at its next stated communication an election will be held to fill a vacant office, is sufficient notice as contemplated in Section 408 of the Code, which provides that 'full notice' shall be given."

These decisions received the approval of the Grand Lodge. Decision No. 6 elicited two reports, the majority holding that *full notice* "contemplated actual notice to all the members," and such would appear to be the correct view. Upon the question of "Legislation against Liquor Dealers," presented at the last Annual Communication, the Grand Lodge decided to retain its present regulation, viz.: "No Lodge . . . shall receive the petition for the degrees of Masonry from any person engaged in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage."

The question arises in our mind whether the following is not a virtual suspension of the By-laws of every Lodge:

"Resolved, That no meeting of a Lodge shall be held, except for burial of the dead, while Grand Lodge is in session at its Annual Communication, unless by permission of Grand Lodge."

Telegraphic greetings were exchanged with the Grand Lodge of Oregon, and Grand Representatives exchanged with the Grand Orient of Belgium.

Recognition was denied the Gran Dieta Symbolica of Mexico, and action deferred with reference to the Grand Lodge of Peru and the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico, pending further information.

The Grand Orator, BRO. A. C. RICE, delivered a thoughtful address upon "Masonic Phases."

We take pleasure in reproducing a well-deserved compliment to R.
W. THOMAS M. REED, Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge.

"In conclusion we take this opportunity to congratulate our Most Worshipful Grand Lodge upon having at its service and command a Grand Secretary who has but few, if any, equals in any jurisdiction on the face of the globe. Words fail to express the appreciation and gratitude due to our Right Worshipful BRO. REED for the very able and efficient manner in which he has during thirty-eight years of service conducted the affairs of his office.

"From the time at which Masonry in this jurisdiction existed as a babe in swaddling clothes, down to the present, when the infant has grown into the splendid and magnificent manhood as represented by this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Washington, he has always stood with his shoulder to the wheel; and there never has been a rut so deep nor an obstacle so great that his vast experience and wonderful knowledge of Masonic law has not devised the means to carry us forward and to overcome the seemingly insurmountable obstacles.

"And it is the prayer and desire of all his Masonic brethren, that the Supreme Architect of the Universe, in his all wise providence may spare him, in his present health and vigor, for many years of useful service to the cause for which he has so long and faithfully labored."

At the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge held in 1899, the resolution offered by M.^c W.^c BRO. ZIEGLER, that the edict of non-intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Hamburg (known as No. 676 of the Code and repealed in 1898), should be re-established, was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence to report thereon at the next Annual Communication.

We see in the proceedings that by reason of the absence at this annual session of one member of the Standing Committee on Jurisprudence, M.^c W.^c WILLIAM H. UPTON had been appointed to fill the vacancy.

Accordingly the M.^c W.^c brother made the report, which was received and action deferred until the *next* Annual Communication.

Under ordinary circumstances we should not deem it permissible to make any remarks upon this paper, inasmuch as no action had been taken by the Grand Lodge. Nevertheless, we deem it justifiable by reason of the paragraph therein conveying the information that the report is wholly an expression of individual opinion. In passing we admit our ignorance of any such law governing the deliberations of this Grand Lodge.

"Your committee beg to remark that this Grand Lodge has more than once been criticised for entertaining opinions which she had never expressed, by critics who seem ignorant of the fact that we have a law which directs committees to append to their reports such expressions as they desire the Grand Lodge to adopt as its own; and that, therefore, when this Grand Lodge accepts or adopts the report of one of its committees, it adopts as its own utterance only the resolutions appended to the report. Your committee would not ask the Grand Lodge to concur in every expression contained in the foregoing report."

Prefacing the report our M.^c W.^c brother says that:

"In order that it may be clearly apprehended—as well as for the purpose of removing certain misapprehensions which appear to exist—your committee have deemed it advisable to review the subject at considerable length."

Accordingly our M.^c W.^c brother devotes ten pages in attempting to show why the Grand Lodge of Washington should not re-enact the edict of

non-intercourse *in re* the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, originally passed in 1863 and repealed in 1898. We referred to this repeal in our regular report for 1899.

In this effort our M. W. brother proceeds to satisfy himself that the action of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg was justifiable and conformable to the usages extant in Grand Lodges in foreign countries at that time. This naturally brings in the doctrine of exclusive Grand Lodge territorial jurisdiction, upon which, while our M. W. brother claims to be in its favor, yet in a multiplicity of words argues against, especially in the application of that doctrine at the time of the invasion by the Grand Lodge of Hamburg of the jurisdictional rights of New York.

Upon the application to Grand Lodges in foreign countries we should differ in opinion as to the general usages at that time and most assuredly at the present date. He says:

"In America when the desirability of exclusive territorial jurisdiction began to be apparent, it seems to have been recognized as clearly here as in Europe, that it was something to be acquired through the courtesy of sister Grand Lodges, not a thing that could be claimed as a right."

In our opinion custom makes the law and we hold that the doctrine of exclusive Grand Lodge territorial jurisdiction was at that time thoroughly established in all the Grand Lodges on this continent, and also that upon this point the sentiment of the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland, since the establishment of Independent Grand Lodges in the United States, had been thoroughly in harmony.

Our M. W. brother admits:

"That it was put forward as a principle as early as 1782 in Massachusetts and that in 1796 the Grand Lodge of New York resolved 'that it would not thereafter grant charters to persons residing within the jurisdiction of any other Grand Lodge.'"

We claim that as early as 1786 the Grand Lodge of New York had declared "that no Lodge can exist in the State, but under the jurisdiction of this (New York) Grand Lodge."

We think it also may be safely affirmed that at the time of this invasion the right of jurisdiction within the political territory where there was a Grand Lodge in existence was as well recognized in Germany at it was on the American Continent. Upon this point we quote the statement made by an eminent German brother:

"The question of the territorial jurisdiction of Grand Lodges is as closely adhered to in Germany as in any other part of the globe; and it cannot be otherwise as it is of vital importance to the existence and welfare of all Grand Lodges, and their subordinates, in the world. In Germany the right of jurisdiction differs in appearance only from that which is recognized by law and usage in other parts of the world. In reality the law is not at variance with that which is enforced in this country. No Grand Lodge of Germany would, for one moment, entertain the idea of establishing a daughter Lodge within the territorial jurisdiction of any other German Grand Lodge, unless the special consent of that Grand Lodge was first obtained or by reciprocal treaty."

In further confirmation we desire to quote the law of the Grand Lodge of Saxony.

"The Grand Lodge of Saxony will, for the propagation of Masonry,

establish new Lodges in territories where there is no Grand Lodge having exclusive jurisdiction within that territorial limit; and, on the other hand, the Grand Lodge of Saxony cannot recognize Lodges as just and regular in the Kingdom of Saxony which are not chartered by her."

What the revival of Freemasonry after the anti-Masonic excitement has to do with this matter, is not apparent to us—certainly the doctrine of territorial jurisdiction had been thoroughly established anterior to 1845.

Our M. W. brother makes the statement that the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, "judging by the older usage and *the only law known in Germany (italics ours)*, had no doubt whatsoever of her perfect legal right to take the German Lodges in New York under her protection." If she held this opinion (which we deny) why should any consent on the part of the Grand Lodge of New York have been asked? If a legal right, to take a *German* Lodge, she had equally as good a right to take any other Lodge! We do not think our M. W. brother would assent to that.

How mildly our M. W. brother interjects the statement that:

"Dr. Buek's letters show he was aware from the first that New York *preferred* the system of exclusive territorial jurisdiction . . . but it seems equally apparent that he did not suppose New York went to the extent of holding that she could insist on exclusive territorial jurisdiction as a matter of right."

It would appear to us from the correspondence between the Grand Masters of the Grand Lodges of New York and Hamburg that the fact of New York claiming it as a right was very early disclosed.

Our M. W. brother has apparently also settled the matter to his satisfaction that the action of the Grand Lodge of New York, in the premises, was ill-advised and not in accordance with the course in his judgment which should have been pursued. He says:

"New York and other American Grand Lodges acted in a manner grossly at variance with the benign principles of Masonry. Had Masonic patience and forbearance been longer continued, and had no outside influence intervened (alluding to the action of sister Grand Lodges), those differences would probably have been speedily adjusted in a Masonic spirit and manner. Unfortunately, New York, influenced by these utterances or by some other considerations of doubtful wisdom, adopted the resolution of non-intercourse (September, 1851)."

This assurance is certainly refreshing when we take cognizance of the fact that up to that time every effort had been made to induce the Grand Lodge of Hamburg to recede from its action, and up to that time no action had been taken by any sister Grand Lodge. Upon this point we shall have something further to say, but simply remark here, that if the action of the Grand Lodge of New York therein was at all susceptible of review, it would be eminently desirable that it should not be allotted to a partisan.

Having elucidated the matter to his satisfaction, our M. W. brother kindly takes upon himself to suggest to the Grand Lodge of Washington that she "extend her good offices upon invitation by the Grand Lodges concerned," to settle a long standing difference.

Apparently the principle of reform, which is a prominent factor in our M. W. brother's personality, has induced the proffer. While we

have no authority to speak for the Grand Lodge of New York, we venture the assertion that she would not avail herself of the offices so gratuitously tendered. It is not the first time that a proposal of mediation has been made, and in reply thereto we content ourselves by quoting the words of M. W. FINLAY M. KING :

"A proffer of mediation to those bodies in the city of New York which pretend to derive authority for their Masonic existence from the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, would, of course, be a direct acknowledgment to them and the Grand Lodges of Europe, that the principles of indivisible sovereignty and of Grand Lodge supremacy, which universally prevail among the Grand Lodges of the United States, *are matters of compromise*. To imagine for a moment that these principles are legitimate subjects for arbitration, is to imagine that the Grand Lodges of America can part with portions of their sovereignty and yet maintain their rightful authority within their jurisdiction."

Our M. W. brother, in his report, proceeds to recite the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington in 1863, making the claim that the Chairman of the Committee of Correspondence, R. W. WILLIAM H. WOOD, "had not read extensively on the subject and had not even received the New York proceedings." Inasmuch as this invasion had occurred in 1850 and the matter had been ably and most thoroughly elucidated years before 1863, we fail to comprehend the pertinency of the "non-receipt of the proceedings of New York for 1862." That the resolutions adopted by the Grand Lodge of Washington went further than those adopted by New York does not appear to be correct when tested by history. It is true that all sister Grand Lodges did not go as far as the Grand Lodge of Washington, but some did, and all sustained the position taken by the Grand Lodge of New York.

Referring to the "Washington repeal," it is stated that "it has been intimated in part that our repeal of this resolution had been inspired either by ill-will toward the M. W. Grand Lodge of New York, or by a lack of interest in the doctrine of exclusive jurisdiction." The first appears to us as an unwarrantable personal assumption, and the second we have heretofore commented upon.

Our M. W. brother furnishes the following explanation of the consideration which induced the repeal of edict No. 676:

"2. We were of the opinion based upon a point blank statement in GOULD's 'History of Freemasonry,' that Pythagoras Lodge had long since again accepted a charter from New York.

"While the correctness of BRO. GOULD's statement has been questioned, your committee *have not succeeded in obtaining any conclusive evidence on the subject*. (Italics ours.) It is certain, however, that 'Pythagoras Lodge No. 86,' has appeared on the roll of the Grand Lodge of New York for many years past."

There would have been no difficulty in obtaining *conclusive* evidence had any attempt been made in that direction. In the year 1855 most of the old influential members of Pythagoras Lodge (formerly No. 86) abandoned their position, acknowledged allegiance to the Grand Lodge of New York, and applied for a return of their old charter, which was in due time granted them. At that time the Grand Lodge of Hamburg con-

tinued her spurious offspring within the jurisdictional lines of New York—Pythagoras Lodge No. 1 and Franklin Lodge No. 2, and that of Pythagoras Lodge No. 1 continues to this day.

Although our paper is already too long, yet we desire to present a few facts in reference to this invasion by the Grand Lodge of Hamburg which are not made prominent in our M. W. brother's report.

This invasion of the jurisdictional rights of the Grand Lodge of New York by the Grand Lodge of Hamburg was done at a time seemingly for the purpose of embarrassing the Grand Lodge of New York, and was of such a willful character that it received the almost universal condemnation of all sister Grand Lodges. It was recognized as an attack upon the principle of exclusive territorial jurisdiction, strenuously maintained by all American Grand Lodges.

The correspondence on both sides discloses that the Grand Lodge of New York earnestly, and in fraternal language, protested against the proposed course of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, and endeavored, by every justifiable means, to dissuade the Grand Lodge of Hamburg from carrying out its determination. But the Grand Lodge of Hamburg had apparently determined upon its course, without regard to the claims of New York, for Dr. BUEK, Senior Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, in the course of the correspondence, said:

"We certainly are aware of your law, according to which but one Grand Lodge is allowed to exist in each State, and all Lodges within its dominions are subordinate to that Grand Lodge; however, it may be questioned if not, in this particular case, an exception should be made in favor of German brethren and exclusively German Lodges."

Notwithstanding this knowledge, the Grand Lodge of Hamburg granted a warrant to Pythagoras Lodge, saying, "even though it may be regarded as an infringement of the rights of your (New York) Grand Lodge."

Subsequently, in 1853, a warrant was granted for another Lodge, known as Franklin Lodge No. 2.

The granting of the warrant to Pythagoras Lodge led to the adoption of the following resolutions by the Grand Lodge of New York (April, 1851):

"*Resolved*, That we affectionately remonstrate with our sister Grand Lodge of Hamburg against the course she has thought proper to pursue, in trespassing within the borders of our jurisdiction, and that she be requested to recall the charter she has issued to Pythagoras Lodge of this city.

"*Resolved*, That the body known as Pythagoras Lodge, formerly No. 86, be, and they are, hereby declared irregular, and all Masonic intercourse with them prohibited."

Subsequently, in September, 1851, the following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the body formerly known as Pythagoras Lodge No. 86, be, and the same is hereby declared irregular, and all Masonic intercourse with them prohibited; and, whereas, the Grand Lodge of Hamburg has refused to accede to our affectionate remonstrance against granting a warrant to Pythagoras Lodge No. 86, all Masonic intercourse be, and the same is, hereby suspended between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Hamburg until she recall said warrant."

In this contention the Grand Lodge of New York was sustained by sister Grand Lodges, including the Grand Lodge of Washington, and that support has been maintained ever since until disturbed by the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington in the repeal of its edict in 1898.

It is unnecessary to recapitulate the terms of the resolution adopted by sister Grand Lodges—we simply quote that of the Grand Lodge of Texas (1853 or 1854):

"That the action of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, in granting a warrant to Pythagoras Lodge in New York City, within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York, was a breach of Masonic law, and of courtesy, and that no member of that Lodge shall be permitted to visit any Lodge under this jurisdiction, or receive any of the benefits of Masonry, and no German Mason hailing from the Grand Lodge of Hamburg shall be entitled to such rights. . . ."

The Grand Lodge of Hamburg after this act of invasion attempted to unite other foreign Grand Lodges in a scheme to grant recognition to negro Lodges and negro Grand Lodges on this continent, but in this they were most signally unsuccessful.

This subsequent action on the part of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg led to the adoption of the following additional resolutions by the Grand Lodge of New York, June, 1859:

"2. The Grand Lodge of New York and the other Grand Lodges in the United States, were fully justified in declaring the subordinate Lodges of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, in New York, irregular and clandestine, and in suspending intercourse with the parent body, and the Masonic Fraternity of these States show a proper respect to the authority of their Grand Lodges *in refusing to have intercourse with Hamburg Masons, or with the members of their aforesaid irregular subordinates.*

"4. That there is nothing in Masonry to justify a resort to revenge or reprisal, and these words are unknown to the Masonic vocabulary, and in seeking to employ them through the recognition of the negro 'Lodges' in the United States, with a view thereby to retaliate for the ostracism of her constituents and subordinates, and to procure dissensions and divisions among the American Grand Lodges, *the Grand Lodge of Hamburg deserves to be cut off from all intercourse with the Grand Lodges of the world.*"

Upon the question of the advisability of edicts of non-intercourse, alluded to in our M. W. brother's report, our opinion would have to be governed by the circumstances of the case. We hold that in the case of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg there was, as a finality, no other course to pursue.

There would appear to be but one opinion—except, possibly, that of M. W. Bro. UPTON—as to the merits of this case, the propriety and stern necessity for the course pursued and action taken, and while the gravity of the negro question, under the original action by the Grand Lodge of Washington in 1898, has overshadowed the question involved in the repeal of this edict, nevertheless it has had consideration by some of the members of the Correspondence circle, and the same has been duly noted in this and last year's report.

We earnestly hope that the better judgment of the brethren of the Grand Lodge of Washington will be expressed in such a manner as to give conclusive evidence that the principle of exclusive Grand Lodge territorial

jurisdiction must be upheld, and that any invasion thereof within the limits of any Grand Lodge should receive the unqualified disapproval of all sister Grand Lodges. Our brethren, to be consistent, cannot do less than re-establish their edict and thereby correct what has been claimed "to have been an error of judgment."

Appended to the report are the following resolutions, upon which action will be had at the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, 1901:

"1. That the preamble and resolution introduced by M. W. Bro. ZIEGLER at our last Annual Communication be not adopted.

"2. That the following resolutions be adopted in lieu thereof, to-wit:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge has so often and so emphatically expressed her appreciation of the desirableness of exclusive territorial jurisdiction within the United States; and has, from the year 1858 to the present day, so continuously shown her unvarying good-will towards the M. W. Grand Lodge of New York, that no further expression upon either of those subjects seemed called for at this time.

Resolved, That it seems to this Grand Lodge that—however hopeful the M. W. Grand Lodge of Hamburg may have been at one time that her plan of warranting Lodges in America would produce 'a new bond of firmer and closer alliance' between the Lodges and Grand Lodges on either side of the Atlantic—the experience of half a century has conclusively demonstrated that that hope cannot—everything considered—be realized; and that whatever necessity might have appeared to exist, half a century ago, for preserving for her sons, who were 'strangers in a strange land,' direct Lodge connections with the Fatherland, no longer exists at this time, when there are, perhaps, more German Masons in America than in Germany. Moreover, this Grand Lodge is entirely clear in its opinion that, so deep-rooted is the attachment of American Masons to the principle of exclusive territorial jurisdiction in this country, that any interference by foreign Grand Lodges, however well intended, with the exclusive jurisdiction desired by American Grand Lodges cannot fail to result in injury to Masonry—and in injury only.

Resolved, That it appears to this Grand Lodge that an experience of nearly fifty years has conclusively shown that edicts of non-intercourse are worse than unavailing to promote that brotherly love and affection which ought to prevail between the Masons of Hamburg and America, or to reconcile differences that arise between brethren; and this Grand Lodge would rejoice to see other means, more consistent with brotherly love, resorted to to restore and maintain harmony between Masons of every land.

Resolved, That it would afford this Grand Lodge profound and unmixed pleasure if means should be found to reconcile the differences which, contrary to the teachings of our Fraternity, have divided the Masons of Hamburg from those of New York and other parts of America for more than a generation; and if any good offices on her part can contribute to that most desirable end, she will most gladly extend them, upon invitation by the Grand Lodges concerned—to the glorious end 'that all may see the Benign Influence of Masonry, as all true Masons have done from the Beginning of the World, and will to the End of Time.'

Receipts, \$7,324.51; disbursements, \$6,576.14, and balance on hand, \$7,205.60. Special Charity Fund, \$844.87.

Next Annual Communication, Tacoma, June 11, 1901.

CORRESPONDENCE.

If the paper appended to the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Washington (238 pp.) is correctly termed a report on Correspondence, then we must confess that we have been entirely at fault in our conception of the scope and tone which should ever characterize such reports.

It is to be regretted that M. W. WILLIAM H. UPTON should so far forget himself as to indulge in the vituperation which permeates the paper before us, in his reference to Grand Lodges, Grand Masters, and Committees on Correspondence.

A calm, unbiased judgment and a true conception of the amenities of fraternal ties—let alone as between gentlemen—would have prevented an unparalleled exhibition of assurance. We cannot but think that in after years he will be deeply concerned "*in what he has said of others.*"

Our brother, in his consideration of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York for 1899, has embodied therein a savage attack upon the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master, and the chairman of this committee. Personally, we are content to let the M. W. brother have the last word, for to enter into a discussion, along the lines laid down by him, we will not.

We also think that the dignity of the Grand Lodge of New York will be best conserved by ignoring the personalities of an individual, for most assuredly we do not consider that the Grand Lodge of Washington is, in the slightest degree, responsible therefor. The relations between the two Grand Bodies will not be disturbed by any unfair deductions, although it would appear to us that M. W. BRO. UPTON by his injustice would fain do his part toward that end.

Our brother has plainly expressed his opinion of the chairman of this committee, in somewhat questionable language, in exceeding bad taste—coupled with an innuendo unworthy of him—but we are satisfied to let the record, on both sides, stand as heretofore written.

We had designed to enter into a discussion of some of the general features growing out of the declaration of the Grand Lodge of Washington (1899), with other points collateral thereto, but we are convinced that it would not be received with that spirit of fairness which should characterize the discussion of all Masonic questions.

We deem it due to the Grand Lodge of Washington to present our M. W. brother's explanation of two portions of the Declaration of 1899.

"We are pleased, however, that nearly all who have spoken have expressed the idea that the Declaration should be taken as ending the incident. In the interest of harmony we will say a word as to the two parts of the Declaration that have provoked criticism. Declaration tenth says:

"Nor can the Grand Lodge consent to tolerate the idea that her Lodges do not recognize (?) their right to determining for themselves—but for no one else—subject to review by nobody but herself, the status of all persons claiming to be Masons, who knock at their doors, either for the purpose of visiting or as applicant for affiliation."

"By an intellectual strabismus to us most astonishing, some brethren profess to find in this a license to our Lodges to ignore the adjudications of Masonic tribunals, and to admit clandestine or expelled Masons. Just as well say it authorizes them to admit profanes. Its language is not susceptible of any such construction. It asserts that our Lodges may do exactly what every Lodge in the world does every time a visitor knocks at its door, *and no more*. The gist of the Declaration—which lies in the words, 'subject to review by nobody but herself'—has been overlooked by these critics. What the Grand Lodge was here especially declaring was, that if our Lodges make mistakes the Grand Lodge of Washington, *only*, has jurisdiction to correct them. Is this questioned by anybody?"

"In the sixth Declaration we said, chiefly, that we could not ignore the comity due the Grand Lodge of England, or *our duty to preserve harmony*

among our own members. That harmony is perfect to-day. Will any Mason in the world ask us to destroy it?"

That we have not been in any degree harsh in our personal introduction, we present herewith a pen portraiture of our M. W. brother as disclosed by his own words in the paper before us.

Referring to the action of various Grand Lodges in accepting the rescinding resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Washington, we note:

Under the head of **FLORIDA** is this sentence: "This committee, therefore, again places the name of **FLORIDA** on its list of bodies worthy to be noticed as existing American Grand Lodges."

Under the head of **INDIANA** he says: "The above well-meant edict, dated July 27, 1899 . . . wins for **INDIANA** a place in our list of Masonic Bodies."

Under the head of **KENTUCKY** he says: "The unsolicited adoption of the above resolution on October 20, 1899, by the Grand Lodge, claiming jurisdiction over the White Masons of Kentucky, wins for it a place in this report."

Under the head of **SOUTH CAROLINA** he says: "An official letter from the M. W. Grand Master of South Carolina . . . dated April 16, 1900 . . . restores South Carolina to our list of American Grand Lodges."

Under the head of **WISCONSIN** he says: "The foregoing (official edict of the Grand Master) puts Wisconsin back among the Masons."

Under the head of **DELAWARE** he says: "We find it necessary to mention two bodies existing—or recently existing—in Delaware and Mississippi, respectively, and claiming jurisdiction over the White Masons in those States."

Under the head of **MISSISSIPPI** he says: "We may mention that in the (White) Grand Lodge of Mississippi, on February 9, 1899, **BRO. ANDREW H. BARKLEY**, of the Committee on Correspondence, presented a report on negro Masonry, deserving of no special mention except that it suggested non-intercourse with Washington."

As a specimen of the language employed by M. W. **BRO. UPTON** in characterising those who differed with him in the claims of **MESSRS. BAILEY** and **RIDEOUT**, we quote under the head of **MISSOURI**: "The Correspondence report is by the R. W. Grand Secretary, **REV. JOHN D. VINCHIL, D.D.** All who have read any of **DR. VINCHIL's** reports know that he is of that type commonly known as 'narrow between the eyes,' one of those illiberal, fanatical sectarians who measure Christianity by the tape-line of their own petty creed, and would make Masonry a school of intolerance and hate . . . a theologian who would burn the Pope at the stake if he had the power."

Under the head of **KANSAS** he quotes from the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of that jurisdiction, a criticism upon language heretofore used by M. W. **BRO. UPTON**, respecting those who had differed with him, and Grand Lodges which had taken action in severe language with reference to the original report of 1898, and says: "We said nothing against Indiana or any other Grand Lodge, but we hope we gave some manifestation of our contempt for the men, who, not content with mis-

representing and maligning the Grand Lodge of Washington, deceived and betrayed their own Grand Lodges. *They are no brethren of ours.*"

We note under INDIANA the following: "His report (M. W. BRO. RUCKLE) on Correspondence shows that, had the Grand Lodge of Indiana left it to him to find some common ground upon which Masons who differ widely may stand, instead of following the lead of men like SMYTH and RICE—who in this matter bear the same relation to SOULE SMYTH and GRANT across the river, that in national affairs forty and fifty years ago, the 'copperhead' and 'mudsill' bore to the 'fire-eater'—the resentment which Washington will feel toward Indiana until the present generation of men has passed from the stage of life, and the contempt which will be expressed for Indiana's bigotry and insolence when the history of these years is written, could very readily have been avoided." Many other passages might be quoted of similar import wherein he refers to M. W. BROS. DRUMMOND, of Maine; SPEED, of Mississippi, and other strong, manly, and greatly beloved and esteemed brethren. He also does not forget to pay his warm respects to M. W. BRO. SUTHERLAND, of New York. We desire to say in passing that the reference to M. W. BRO. DRUMMOND is especially rank and vindictive.

Under the head of MINNESOTA he refers to the negroes whose cause he had been championing, as "thirty thousand Masons are giving the hailing sign of distress," and under CALIFORNIA, ". . . we do not refuse to heed the grand hailing sign of distress until we have critically examined the tint of the skin of the brother who gives it, to ascertain whether his Grand Lodge ever offended the Grand Lodge of New York."

He also says that the motive which induced his action in advocating the claims of BAILEY and RIDEOUT (quoting under IOWA) "was after he had learned . . . that they were Masons."

Under the head of OHIO he says that "he was assured by the Past Grand Master of the African Grand Lodge that the Esoteric Rituals, issued by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, were received by the colored Masons before they were received by many of the Ohio Lodges," and in reply to an inquiry made by M. W. BRO. CUNNINGHAM, referring to the same Past Grand Master of the African Grand Lodge, declared that the aforesaid "colored brother is a regular Mason."

Under the head of MONTANA he answers a question propounded by the Montana Committee on Correspondence as to how he learned that "their work" (of the negro Lodges) is identical "with ours" by saying "The committee had 'lawful information' from Past Grand Masters, both white and black, and from other white Masons, who had sat in the negro Lodges of Ohio and Massachusetts."

Under INDIAN TERRITORY, referring to the words, "social equality," forming a part of the telegram sent by Grand Master NASH to W. BRO. IRWIN, of Arcana Lodge No. 87 (*Washington*), he remarks:

"*Social equality* in Indian Territory! Great Scott! Will BRO. NASH tell us that the Indian population of his jurisdiction has not inter-bred for generations not only with white men, but with runaway negro slaves? . . . And is he ignorant of the fact that the 'black laws' of New York, Iowa, and other jurisdictions formerly coupled '*persons of the Indian race*,' in

the sentence with 'negroes' in the list of persons who must not be made Masons?"

Under the head of WEST VIRGINIA, in reviewing the report of GOVERNOR ATKINSON of that State, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, he says: "Understand distinctly that up to the present writing BRO. UPTON considers himself distinctly *on top*. It will be a long day before you will hear him say aught save, 'Damn'd be he who first cries, "Hold, enough."'"

Under the head of KENTUCKY, M. W. BRO. UPTON refers to "the *nasty* language of the Kentucky Grand Master and the Committee of 1898," and we place in contradistinction thereto the following words of our brother to be found under MINNESOTA: "In a mild way we have given him (BRO. TODD), as ANNA DICKINSON once recklessly offered to give, '*tis for tat*.'" No comment is necessary upon this, nor is it called for in the inference to be drawn from the following in his reply to BRO. J. W. EGLESTON, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, Grand Lodge of VIRGINIA: "We are glad to make room for this (quotation) in our cabinet of curiosities; and having ourselves lived for years amid vast numbers of Southern negroes—though not willing to confess to having 'associated with them in *every possible relation*.' . . ."

Under CALIFORNIA, in reply to M. W. BRO. DAVIES, he says: "The Grand Lodge of WASHINGTON . . . is an Independent and Sovereign Grand Lodge—as all the *white* Grand Lodges were until the POPE of MAINE and the (white) Grand Lodge of KENTUCKY obtained authority to dictate what other Masons should say and *think*."

Under IDAHO we note the following, "*We ourselves* have found no historical question harder to solve . . . than the one, what is the law relative to physical qualifications, and *we* have not answered it yet."

Our brother, under UTAH, in commenting upon a death-bed scene, uses this language—which certainly is his privilege: "We expect to die a Freemason and a good deal of a pagan, without the aid of doctor or priest."

Under CALIFORNIA it would appear that our brother had arrived at the conclusion that, "among Masons, old age seems to make men more acrimonious, dogmatic, and intolerant." We cannot believe that the following is correct in its application to the Royal Arch Chapters in *Washington*, although our brother so states under ILLINOIS, "where it is so common to see a pair of dirty cowhide boots projecting beneath and a four days' growth of beard above a three hundred dollar royal robe."

Under KENTUCKY, in alluding to M. W. BRO. STATON, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, he says: "If the future shows that surmise to be correct, we shall be very glad to meet him half-way; for—as we said two years ago to our *then* BRO. MATTHEWS, of the *then* Grand Lodge of Texas (white)—'we are a man of peace.'"

Our brother, when it suits his purpose, avails himself of the questionable privilege of using just such portions of a paragraph as he desires. To illustrate, under NEW YORK, in his consideration of a paragraph of twelve lines of matter, he contents himself with quoting six words of the *first* line, and eleven of the last line, to make a point, which qualified by the context, is not warranted.

We may be pardoned in applying the same rule to one of his sentences, and it would read: "In all our Masonic writings we have never made a statement . . . that was not absolutely and literally true."

That he is not wholly infallible, we note: "He (BRO. ANTHONY) made no mention of the Correspondence report." The truth is that we devoted two pages to a review of the Correspondence report of the Grand Lodge of WASHINGTON in our report for 1899.

In conclusion we desire to say that between M. W. BRO. UPTON and ourselves, we have arrived "at the parting of the ways."

M. W. STEPHEN J. CHADWICK (*Colfax*), Grand Master, and R. W. THOMAS M. REED (*Olympia*), Grand Secretary, *re-elected*.

WEST VIRGINIA.

36th Communication.

PARKERSBURG.

November 14, 1900.

M. W. NEIL ROBINSON, Grand Master, and the representatives of one hundred and twelve Lodges.

The Grand Master presented a good business address. He had created one new Lodge by dispensation, and a general circular had been issued empowering each Lodge to hold a special service in commemoration of the Centennial of the death of W. GEORGE WASHINGTON, and prescribing the order of exercises. But one decision was reported, and, while admitting that the Lodge had no right to accept the candidate, nevertheless it would appear that he was a regularly made Entered Apprentice. Certainly a regular Lodge cannot do clandestine work.

"A petition was presented by A. B. to a Lodge. It was accepted and the candidate was elected and received the E. A. degree. Before proceeding further, it was found that the candidate did not live within the jurisdiction of the Lodge which initiated him. No request was made of the Lodge having jurisdiction for a waiver.

"Soon after this the candidate removed to another part of the State. He now asks (four years have elapsed) for a return of his initiation fee; the conferring of the remaining degrees, or leave to present his petition to the Lodge where he now resides.

"Held: Inasmuch as the Lodge conferring the degree did not have the right to accept the candidate, he stands as an irregularly or clandestinely made E. A., and his fee should be returned.

"Second—The previous application being null and void, the candidate stands as though it had never been presented and he may now petition the Lodge where he resides in regular form.

"Third—It will not be necessary for the Lodge where he resides to refer the papers back to the Lodge which entered him, or to the Lodge which really had jurisdiction before."

Quite a number of special communications of the Grand Lodge had been held for the exercise of public ceremonial functions, among the most prominent being the laying of the corner-stone of the new Reformed School at Pruntytown and the Capitol Annex at Charleston. In each of these instances the oration delivered by R. W. GEORGE W. ATKINSON is made a part of the record.

A difference of opinion had arisen between the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio and the Grand Master of this Grand Jurisdiction. The contention arose out of the election of a candidate, previously rejected in this Grand Jurisdiction, by a Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ohio. Perpetual jurisdiction (West Virginia) vs. a limitation of the effect of a rejection to three years (Ohio). The conclusions of the Grand Master were to the effect that:

"Ohio's application of this law to jurisdictions other than their own, is in effect an invasion of the rights which we claim over material which we have rejected. We, of course, recognize the sovereignty of every Grand Lodge over the citizens within its own State, and our only protection from the effects of the exercise of this right, under the circumstances referred to, would seem to involve the promulgation of an edict denying the rights of visitation and recognition to material rejected here and accepted elsewhere without our consent. On several occasions we have declared applicants illegally or clandestinely made because of a failure on the part of the Lodge to secure the proper waiver, and as so aptly expressed by Grand Master LYBARGER, we should 'apply the same rule to foreign jurisdictions that we do to our own.'"

The death of R. W. ISRAEL FORMAN—the first Junior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge—was announced.

Further time was granted upon the applications for recognition from the Gran Dieta Symbolica of Mexico, and the Grand Lodges of Costa Rica and Western Australia.

Action was had upon the project of building a Masonic Home, and each Lodge was requested to appoint committees for the purpose of soliciting subscriptions for said purpose. We are pleased to note that the salary of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was increased to \$300 per annum.

After the close of the Grand Lodge, the representatives enjoyed a luncheon served by Mount Olivet Lodge No. 3, enlivened by music by the Parkersburg Orchestra. The Grand Secretary says, "the brethren enjoyed the entertainment hugely, and about one o'clock A.M., they withdrew and laid themselves down to rest and *refresh* themselves." We can well understand why they might have needed to *rest* themselves, but plainly they had already *refreshed*.

Receipts, \$5,377.10; disbursements, \$5,017.18, and balance on hand, \$5,958.37.

Next Annual Communication, Huntington, November 13, 1901.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The fifteenth annual report on Correspondence (197 pp.), by M. W. GEORGE W. ATKINSON, covers the proceedings of fifty-seven Grand Lodges, including New York for 1900. We desire to say in passing that our brother is entirely welcome to our review of the proceedings of the United Grand Lodge of England (1899), which forms a part of his report.

In several instances our brother pays his respects to M. W. BRO. UPTON, and we note that under KANSAS:

"I have read with carefulness BRO. UPTON's arguments as M. W. Grand Master in favor of a recognition of Masons made in negro Lodges,

and I have also read his report on Foreign Correspondence, published in the current year's Proceedings of his M. W. Grand Lodge. While I always rejoice at sincerity in every man's acts, and it gratifies me always to see one adhere to his convictions on any important subject, yet I confess that M. W. Bro. UPTON seems to have more of the make-up of a 'Western cowboy' than the high-toned, learned, able Masonic jurist. If one of his brothers differs from his conclusions, he leaps upon him in what I consider, in many instances, a merciless manner—exhibiting excitement, passion, bad blood, and anything, indeed, except the cautious, careful, thoughtful, brotherly spirit which should invariably characterize a reviewer of sister Grand Lodge Proceedings. There is, at this time, anything but a harmonious feeling existing between M. W. Bro. UPTON's Grand Lodge and a number of the Grand Lodges of this country, all growing out of what seemed to be an unnecessary effort on his part to throw a firebrand into the Fraternity; and his recent conduct tends to fan the flame instead of allay it. It is very evident that M. W. Bro. UPTON himself is the principal individual who brought on this controversy, and it is likewise evident that he intends to keep it up, without reference to consequences or results. It should be the purpose of every Mason to do what he can to maintain harmony between all of the Grand Lodges of the United States, and he who works along any other lines is not revealing to his Masonic brethren the true fraternal spirit of either a man or a Mason."

M. W. A. D. W. STRICKLER (*Philippi*), Grand Master, and R. W. GEORGE W. ATKINSON (*Charleston*), Grand Secretary, *re-elected*.

WISCONSIN.

56th Communication.

MILWAUKEE.

June 12, 1900.

M. W. CHARLES EL. WHELAN, Grand Master, the representatives of two hundred and twenty-one Lodges, and New York by M. W. MELVIN L. YOUNGS.

A conservative and healthy growth of the Fraternity was reported, and the roll of Lodges had been increased by two under dispensation.

The Grand Master, like many others, touches upon the individual responsibility of the brethren, tritely remarking "that the world is judging the institution by the walk and conversation of its members."

While not in favor of the establishment of a Masonic Home, at the present time, he advocated the creation of a fund to be devoted to that purpose. His recommendation is a good business proposition. Resolutions were proposed to carry the plan into effect, and action deferred one year.

His kindly reference to the Grand Secretary was richly deserved, and when we consider that within a few months thereafter R. W. Bro. LAFLIN entered into the eternal rest, it must be a great satisfaction that this particular evidence of love and esteem came in due season.

The Grand Master presented an account of the distribution of the fund—amounting to nearly \$10,000—contributed by the Lodges for the relief of the brethren at New Richmond. The refusal of one Lodge to contribute thereto was certainly not creditable, and we should say that it did indeed "occupy a unique position among its sister Lodges."

This Grand Lodge at its session of 1899, held at the same time as that of Washington, passed resolutions severing fraternal intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Washington, but upon receipt of information that said Grand Lodge had rescinded its action of 1898, the Grand Master had issued an edict continuing fraternal intercourse as heretofore. Subsequently, upon receipt of the official proceedings, his conclusions were "that while rescinding the letter of the former action, there is dominate a spirit of insistence upon the rights of the offending position."

The Grand Master, while "unalterably opposed to a General Grand Lodge," expressed himself as favorable toward a general conference of Masons at stated periods to discuss matters of mutual interest, including an effort to secure a uniformity of ritual in all Grand Jurisdictions. Any attempt toward uniformity of ritual would prove abortive and we deem the whole plan impracticable.

From the decisions reported, we note the following :

- "1. An assessment made for charity purposes must be paid before the member is clear of the books.
- "2. An applicant for degrees must have resided in the jurisdiction of the Lodge a full year prior to the presentation of petition in order to give the Lodge jurisdiction to receive it.
- "3. The business of a regular meeting cannot be transacted until the hour fixed in the by-laws as the time of meeting.
- "4. Waiver for jurisdiction by one Lodge is sufficient to release jurisdiction where several Lodges have concurrent rights over material.
- "5. If a brother of a Lodge objects to sitting with a visiting brother, and the visitor is asked to leave, he cannot, as a right, demand the name of the objector or grounds of objection.
- "6. The residence of the applicant required to be stated in the petition for membership contemplates his legal residence.
- "7. A brother excluded for non-payment of dues is liable for all dues which have accrued during his exclusion before he is entitled to reinstatement."

The Committee on Jurisprudence disapproved No. 2, it being in conflict with an edict of the Grand Lodge, and also No. 5, it being held "that a Lodge had no jurisdiction of material that has removed from its territorial jurisdiction."

The Grand Master in his address strongly condemned "political methods" in Masonic elections, and the Grand Lodge adopted the following :

"It is unmasonic for a Mason to solicit for himself, either personally or by another, influence for votes to promote his election to any office in his Lodge or in the Grand Lodge. It is unmasonic for a Mason to try in any manner to influence the vote of another, either for or against any person for Masonic office, but he may state whether or not, in his judgment, a particular person is well qualified by good character and Masonic knowledge to discharge the duties of the specified office."

We do not discover that any action was had upon the following proposition, viz. : "That it is unmasonic for a Mason to be engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors to be drunk as a beverage."

R. W. DAVID M. DEURY, Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of New York, is in evidence—wiring his congratulations to the Craft.

Telegraphic greetings were exchanged with the Grand Lodge of South Dakota.

The record of the closing hour of this annual session is of a character to call forth the warmest feelings of the heart, and we have in spirit entered into the grandness of the conception of our brethren. We are aware that in the presentation thereof we are occupying considerable space, but we would fain recommend its perusal to the Craft as a stimulant to emulate the example therein cited. Up to the present time, our Masonic Home in New York State has been the recipient of many bequests, and we have no doubt the future will further develop the kindly spirit of others in the furtherance of this work of practical helpfulness.

"The closing hours of the session of the Grand Lodge were of unusual interest to the Craft. After the installation of officers, the Grand Master called Past Grand Master N. M. LITTLEJOHN, the venerable father of the Grand Lodge, to the chair, while the Grand Master briefly expressed to the brethren his appreciation of the honor they had bestowed upon him, and then most feelingly and eloquently addressed the brethren of the Grand Lodge, upon the subject of a letter which he had received. The purport of this letter was to the effect that wealthy Masons, with the spirit of love in their hearts for the Craft, should, while living, give from their ample means, or leave by bequest something substantial, to establish a noble charity and Grand Lodge building, whereby needy Masons, their widows and orphans might receive aid, and where might be perpetuated in bronze or marble, the memory of honored and illustrious Masons of the State, and to which the writer and a brother Mason had left by will the sum of \$5,000, for this purpose, upon his death.

"The thought of Grand Master C. C. ROGERS commenting upon this letter, was so touching in its sentiment, and of such an interesting character, that a great desire was expressed that it should be reduced to writing that it might be preserved to the Craft. The Grand Master said in part:

"There are times in every man's life when he feels most deeply and intensely the impulses of his nature. It may be when the soul is kneeling in the attitude of prayer, when the heart is filled with the gravity of the surroundings of earth, and the sublimity of heaven, when the stars speak to him by night, and the sunlight streams into his whole being by day. At such times every fibre of his being is quickened and awakened, and he cries aloud for God to fill his heart with love for his fellowmen, that he may give utterance to the inspiration he feels.

"He who leaves this bequest has been prompted by a most generous impulse and by the true spirit of Masonry. There is no ideal in humanity grander than this. Noble soul; what may this mean for the institution of Masonry if the consummation of this noble enterprise shall become fully realized. Let me suggest, let me draw aside the curtain as you look upon the picture.

"The historian tells us that as the visitor paces the corridors leading to the House of Commons, he stops and, with modest reverence, bows his head in humble recognition and admiration, for he is standing before the marble statues of men, who, during two centuries of English history, adorned that famous chamber. Looking about him, he finds twelve in all, each speaking to the memory as he spoke in life, when actuated and fired by love of patriotism and loyalty for country.

"Most worshipful sir, some day, in the bright years of the future, if this ideal enterprise shall be realized, this Grand Lodge may seek to preserve in bronze or marble, the names made memorable for their devotion, loyalty, and zeal for the institution of Masonry; may seek to preserve and keep alive the name and memory of those who were beloved by this Fraternity; whose knowledge of its jurisprudence and literature made them pre-eminent; whose purity of thought, word, and deed ennobled the Craft; whose scholarly attainments and gift of speech exalted mankind and awakened the noblest aspirations; men who were leaders here and in

the race of human progress, not alone because they stood in the bright sunlight, conspicuous as belonging to the most remarkable and illustrious organization ever known in history, but because they stood to the four quarters of the compass, strong, noble, manly men.

"When that time shall come, as come it may, when the illustrious names on this roll of honor shall be called, among them will be those two grand old men, PALMER and LITTLEJOHN; there will be ELLIOTT and JENKS, learned in legal lore, while grouped about them, ripe, too, in law and literary attainments, will be MYRON REID and SAWYER, WASHBURN, and COTTRILL, CHAPIN, and MONAHAN, GRIFFIN, and WHELAN. Unique, stern, and alone will stand BOUCE, while conspicuous as beloved by all, will be found JOHN W. LAFLIN.

"Yonder, another historic group, known for stability and sturdiness of character and devotion to the Craft, will be PERRY and EVANS, MO-GREGOR and FARR, VON SUESSMILCH, and CORSCOT, while old in the service of Masonry and noble deeds, will be YOUNGS and BILLINGS, SWAIN and LIBBEY, RING and COTTER, and that other old patriarch, DAVID H. WRIGHT, and many others, who for the moment I cannot now recall.

"While this gift contemplates the building of a Temple, and the creation of a noble charity, that which touches our hearts most, that which awakens the sublimest thought of our natures, is to create a permanent fund, the income from which should be devoted to charity. There is no nobler thought which the human mind can conceive than this. The boundless joy which comes to a great heart, who has been able to relieve the blighting and withering caress of poverty, has in it a touch of pathos and tenderness that is sublime. To realize that you have been the happy instrument by which the orphan child of a brother Mason has been succored and sheltered, that your encouraging words and unostentatious charity have given hope and comfort to the Mason's widow, is worthy of you and this brotherhood of men. There are Masons here to-day, now in the vigor of splendid manhood, commanding influence and power in the community in which they live, full of confidence in their ability to provide amply for their declining years and old age, but who through some unfortunate circumstance, may be reduced to penury. Then, if they have contributed to this fund in the days of their prosperity, should they be obliged to accept charity, would feel they could do so without humiliation that might otherwise be felt by them, were they obliged to receive it from a cold and cheerless world. Charity is the bright star in the Masonic diadem. It is a chain of love forged by the golden rule.

"Let us hope that other Masons, prompted for the good of the institution and in the interests of humanity, may give while living, or provide by will, so that when they are gone, this ideal charity and a temple may be fully realized."

Balance in the hands of Trustees, \$11,990.65.

Next Annual Communication, Milwaukee, June 11, 1901.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Correspondence (135 pp.), by M. W. ALDRO JENKS, is an able and fraternal review of the proceedings of fifty-eight Grand Bodies.

Under GEORGIA, he enunciates wholesome Masonic doctrine:

"We have no fault to find with any of these decisions excepting the one which holds that the widow of an unaffiliated Mason has no claim whatever on the Craft. We have been taught to believe that it was a Mason's obligation and not membership in a Lodge which makes him a Mason; that an unaffiliated Mason is a Mason in good standing with all the rights of a Mason excepting such as pertain to Lodge membership and subject to all the obligations of Masonry excepting such as are due to a particular Lodge. While we believe that every Mason ought to belong to some Lodge, we do not believe that we can free ourselves

from obligations to him, his widow, and orphans because he has not seen fit to affiliate with some Lodge. His neglect to so affiliate may not have been his fault, poverty may have prevented or the Lodge with which he would naturally affiliate might contain some brother less worthy than he, who through the secrecy of the ballot box might prevent affiliation. It is certainly unjust and unmasonic to say that the Craft can relieve itself of its duties towards the widow and orphans of such a Mason, simply because he was not affiliated with some Lodge."

We commend our brother's fair and conservative review of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Washington for 1899, and agree with him:

"At this session the resolutions of 1898 were reconsidered, and the objectionable ones formally rescinded. The resolution by which this result is brought about, is couched in such language as to leave it doubtful as to whether a recantation of their errors was intended or not. Perhaps no fuller or franker statement should have been expected, under the circumstances.

"No matter what the language employed, we are satisfied that the mistake of 1898 will not again be repeated, and that this is the end of the matter. We extend to Washington, and to our distinguished Bro. UPRON, the right hand of fellowship and say to them, we are brethren, let us be reconciled, and live in peace."

New York for 1899 has just consideration. The explanation of our brother that an objection has the same effect as a rejection by ballot and is limited to one year, is unobjectionable. We inferred from the language of the decision that it was continuous, until withdrawn by the objector. We agree that there is nothing "illogical or unjust in the proposition."

M. W. C. C. ROGERS (*Milwaukee*), Grand Master, and R. W. JOHN W. LAFLEN * (*Milwaukee*), Grand Secretary, *re-elected*.

WYOMING.

26th Communication.

GREEN RIVER.

September 5, 1900.

M. W. E. P. BOWMAN, Grand Master, and the representatives of twelve Lodges.

The Grand Master has visited all but two of the Lodges and found them in good condition. The Grand Master being unable to see the difference between the use and the selling of intoxicating liquors, recommended legislation to prevent the admission into membership of persons of this class. Accordingly the following amendment was proposed, "No Lodge shall hereafter receive the petition for membership of any saloon keeper, bartender, or professional gambler," but it failed to receive the approval of the Grand Lodge.

The Lodges had generally held Washington memorial services.

The Grand Lodge being dissatisfied with the rescinding resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Washington, 1899, the subject was referred to a special committee to report at the next Annual Communication.

The Grand Secretary presented as a Roll of Honor the names of

* Deceased.

twenty-two Masons of this jurisdiction who had served in the War with Spain and in the Philippines.

It was decided to be inopportune at the present time to engage in the enterprise of a Masonic Home.

A standard work was adopted and its use made compulsory throughout the jurisdiction.

In future two representatives from each Lodge and the Grand Officers in attendance at the Annual Communication are to receive mileage, and the Grand Secretary's salary was made five hundred dollars.

Mount Moriah Lodge No. 6 entertained the members of the Grand Lodge at a banquet. In a note appended, referring thereto, it is recorded: "Bro. TALIAFERRO acquitted himself nobly as a toastmaster, and naturally seemed delighted in the naming of the martyrs to respond. The delight of the respondents, however, was of a negative quality."

Receipts, \$1,285; disbursements, \$1,200.05, and balance on hand, \$2,864.85.

Next Annual Communication, Wheatland, September 4, 1901.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Correspondence (110 pp.), by R. W. W. L. KUYKENDALL, is an excellent presentation of the proceedings of fifty-four Grand Lodges, including New York for 1900.

We have to thank our brother for the notice taken of the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington with reference to the invasion of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York by the Grand Lodge of Hamburg. The importance of the action *in re* negro Masonry by the Grand Lodge of Washington has allowed the repeal of their edict of non-intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Hamburg to pass unnoticed. We termed said action at that time as a part of the programme, *i.e.*, "clearing the deck," and for which we have been sharply criticised by M. W. Bro. UPTON. Apparently our brother's impressions were in the same line, wherein he termed it "an agreed case," but we have M. W. Bro. UPTON's word for it that any such impression was an erroneous deduction.

"Bro. ZIEGLER's resolution concerning the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, appearing in our report of Washington for 1899, appears to have been ignored by the Committee on Jurisprudence, as we find a report made by Bro. UPTON on behalf of the committee, in which, after devoting ten pages to the subject referred, of whether or not it should be adopted, it finally winds up with a negative answer and a recommendation that in lieu thereof four resolutions reported be adopted. Action on the latter was deferred to next annual communication. Comment at this time is, therefore, unnecessary."

We are not at all surprised that our brother in strong, yet fraternal, language expresses his opinion of the course adopted by M. W. Bro. UPTON in his Correspondence report for 1900, wherein he very plainly exhibits the worst aspects of a partisan. We question whether it pays to magnify the importance of M. W. Bro. UPTON by any notice of his abuse.

M. W. C. H. TOWNSEND (*Casper*), Grand Master, and R. W. W. L. KUYKENDALL (*Saratoga*), Grand Secretary, *re-elected*.

DOMINION OF CANADA.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

29th Communication.

VANCOUVER.

June 21, 1900.

M.: W.: R. EDEN WALKER, Grand Master, the representatives of twenty-six Lodges, and New York by R.: W.: W. A. DE WOLF SMITH.

An address of welcome was extended by the Worshipful Masters of the three city Lodges.

The Grand Master referred in fraternal language to the death of M.: W.: FRED WILLIAMS, Past Grand Master, "one of the pioneer Masons that helped to form this Grand Lodge." The past year had been one of unusual prosperity, and four new Lodges had been created under dispensation. The Grand Master had made many official visitations and his addresses embraced wise and timely suggestions.

The Grand Lodge was honored by the presence of M.: W.: JOHN C. SMITH, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, who in response to request:

"Gave a most interesting account of Masonry as practiced in Egypt and other Oriental countries, and many episodes of his personal experiences enjoyed while travelling in foreign lands."

During the session the Grand Lodge attended Divine service and listened to a sermon on "The Symbolism of the Temple," delivered by R.: W.: and REV. E. P. FLEWELLING, Grand Chaplain.

At the conclusion thereof, the Grand Lodge repaired to the Hotel Vancouver and participated in a banquet tendered by the Lodges of the city. "Many brilliant speeches were made, the 'gem' being the address by M.: W.: JOHN C. SMITH."

Receipts, \$3,389.50; disbursements, \$2,058.10, and balance on hand, \$3,472.98. Charity Fund, \$6,910.30.

Next Annual Communication, Nelson, June 20, 1901.

CORRESPONDENCE.

R.: W.: W. A. DE WOLF SMITH presents an excellent report on Correspondence (215 pp.), covering the proceedings of sixty-one Grand Lodges. New York for 1899 and 1900 has commendatory notice, with a single exception.

Our brother is a supporter of the course pursued by the Grand Lodge of Washington in re negro Masonry. Well, there are not many.

"Suffice it to say, that after a careful perusal of the report (*Washington Correspondence*), the opinion we expressed last year still holds good,

viz.: that conceding the premise that Washington is an independent Grand Lodge, its right to recognize, within its own territory, and for itself, whomsoever it chooses is undeniable, and if it sees fit to sanction the establishment of a second Grand Lodge, or of half a dozen Grand Lodges, within the State, it is purely the concern of the Grand Lodge of Washington. As to the advisability of it—*C'est un autre chose.*"

M'. W'. HARRY H. WATSON (*Vancouver*), Grand Master, and R'. W'. W. J. QUINLAN (*Nelson*), Grand Secretary, *re-elected*.

CANADA—ONTARIO.

45th Communication.

LONDON.

July 18, 1900.

M'. W'. E. T. MALONE, Grand Master, the representatives of two hundred and ninety-nine Lodges, and New York by M'. W'. HUGH MURRAY.

Preliminary to the opening ceremonies, His Honor Mayor RUMBALL, accompanied by members of the City Council, extended a cordial welcome.

Subsequently a deputation of Masters from the London Lodges also expressed the gratification of the Craft in greeting the representatives of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master conveys the gratifying intelligence of great prosperity, and, better still, notes that:

"During the year Grand Lodge expended in charitable grants the sum of \$14,085, and that the subordinate Lodges expended for the same purpose \$11,901.30, making a total of \$25,986.30, without taking into account the local Boards of Relief; while large sums have been contributed by the Lodges in aid of the Sick Children's Hospital, the Patriotic Fund, the Red Cross Fund, and the Ottawa Fire sufferers."

The Grand Master had visited every section of the Province, had created one new Lodge under dispensation, and he paid a high compliment to the intelligent and zealous labors of the District Deputy Grand Masters. He had refused nearly all applications for dispensations for special objects. One certainly was unique in character, viz.: "to wear regalia at a dance, to take place upon the conclusion of games, horse racing, etc., held under the auspices of a Lodge." From the Grand Master's remarks we opine that the Lodge will not again engage in a similar enterprise. We have the impression that we have once before noticed a similar case.

Emergent communications of the Grand Lodge had been called upon four occasions for the purpose of laying the corner-stones of Religious and Educational Institutions.

The Grand Master earnestly admonished the brethren to eschew the method of ward politics in Masonic elections, whether in the instance of a Lodge or of a Grand Lodge. From the instance cited it would appear that the words of the Grand Master were timely. Upon receipt of intelligence of the calamity which befell the city of Ottawa, the Grand Master had ordered \$2,000 transmitted for the relief of the sufferers at Ottawa and Hull, and the Grand Lodge unhesitatingly ratified the action. Pleas-

ant mention is made of the action of the Grand Lodge of New York in the same direction :

"This action of M.'. W.'. BRO. POWNALL and his Grand Lodge forms yet another link in Masonry, and in common benevolence binding the two countries together. The brethren of the Grand Lodge of New York ever do things handsomely."

We are in receipt of a report of the Ottawa and Hull Fire Relief Fund, from which it appears that the cash subscriptions amounted to \$953,962.77, accredited to the following sources :

From Canada.....	\$500,781 69
From Great Britain (including the "Mansion House Fund," raised by the Lord Mayor of London, Eng., \$209,045.29).....	363,248 70
From British Columbia.....	53,605 20
From the United States (New York State contributing \$13,339.65).....	33,505 20
From France.....	1,036 20
From Chili.....	4 86
Bank interest on deposits.....	4,780 37
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	\$953,962 77

The Grand Lodge also ratified the action of the Grand Master in ordering a grant of \$1,000 to the National Patriotic Fund.

We note two decisions. In New York State the Tiler's or test oath would be administered before the examination, and such appears to us the proper method. Refusal to take the test oath would render an examination needless.

"1. I forbade the initiation of a man who, although possessing considerable worldly wealth, was unable to write or sign his name. I considered that a man so ignorant would be out of place in a Masonic Lodge. The admission of such a man would be a reflection on our Institution.

"2. I decided that in the examination of strangers who desire to visit a Lodge, that the Tiler's oath should be administered after, and not before, the examination."

Two hundred and twenty pages of the proceedings were required for the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters.

A merited compliment was paid to M.'. W.'. J. ROSS ROBERTSON, Past Grand Master, for distinguished services in Craft literature, by his appointment as Historian of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge was honored by the presence of M.'. W.'. WILLIAM A. SUTHERLAND, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, and he was not only royally welcomed, but a special mark of favor granted in conferring upon him Honorary Membership in this Grand Lodge with the rank of Past Grand Master.

The same grade of Honorary rank was also conferred upon R.'. W.'. J. J. MASON, Grand Secretary, and three other brethren. It is also to be noted that the Grand Secretary had been made the recipient of a valuable testimonial in recognition of valuable services for the past quarter century.

Receipts, \$22,413.77; disbursements, \$22,229.11, and balance on hand, \$11,486.88. Investments, \$85,000. Asylum Fund, \$16,061.75.

Next Annual Communication, Hamilton, July 17, 1901.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Correspondence (109 pp.) is a good presentation of the proceedings of sixty Grand Lodges, by M. W. HENRY ROBERTSON, including New York for 1899. Our acknowledgment is made for personal excerpt.

M. W. RICHARD D. HUNGERFORD (*London*), Grand Master, and R. W. J. J. MASON (*Hamilton*), Grand Secretary, *re-elected*.

MANITOBA.

25th Communication.

WINNIPEG.

June 13, 1900.

M. W. JOHN LESLIE, Grand Master, the representatives of forty-six Lodges, and New York by R. W. JOHN W. HARRIS.

The Grand Master, in a brief address, covered fully the official year and offered valuable suggestions for the consideration of the Craft. He had granted dispensations for five Lodges, and while the vast extent of this Grand Jurisdiction precluded much of this pleasure, nevertheless, he had visited thirteen of the Lodges. He had ordered one hundred dollars to be contributed to the India Famine Fund, and also urged upon the Craft the importance of some systematic effort being made to induce unaffiliated Masons to resume their Masonic fellowship.

It would appear that many of the Lodges had incorporated in their by-laws a provision granting a funeral benefit upon the decease of a member. Such a principle is contrary to Masonic practice and the Grand Master very justly enlarged upon the disastrous financial results sure to follow. When any necessity therefor arises, a Masonic Lodge will always voluntarily do its full duty.

The Grand Master had given but one decision, viz.: "that a man who had lost his *left* leg above the knee could be initiated into Masonry." He might, with equal propriety, have said *both legs*. The decision is wrong.

Congratulations were expressed by the Grand Secretary upon a greater degree of promptness in the transmission of Lodge returns—there appears to be a fine exacted for any delinquency in that respect.

The Grand Secretary in the presentation of his nineteenth annual report alluded to the fact that twenty-five years before he had first seen Masonic light—being the first candidate initiated under this Grand Lodge—and in connection therewith gave an interesting summary of the Grand Lodge receipts for the quarter century. We do not doubt that his brethren listened with regret to the announcement "that his work as Grand Secretary must cease," owing to the exacting duties of a public office held by him. The Grand Lodge appointed a committee to procure a fitting testimonial for presentation to the retiring Grand Secretary and also placed on record the following:

"While this Grand Lodge bows regretfully to a decision it cannot alter, it desires to put upon record its high appreciation of the services of its

Grand Secretary during all the years he has occupied that onerous and responsible position. His fifth of a century services in the cause of Masonry in Manitoba and the Northwest will be remembered gratefully by Masons of Manitoba and the Territories long after he and we have mouldered into dust."

It was ordered that the Grand Master's annual address, together with the report of the committee thereon, "be read in each subordinate Lodge at its first regular meeting after the receipt of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge."

Approval was also expressed of the erection, at some time in the future, of a Home for aged and indigent Freemasons, and the Lodges were recommended to contribute toward a fund for that purpose.

Receipts, \$2,977.01; disbursements, \$3,281.59, and balance on hand, \$953.22.

Next Annual Communication, Winnipeg, June 12, 1901.

M. W. R. S. THORNTON (*Deloraine*), Grand Master, and R. W. JAMES A. OVAS (*Winnipeg*), Grand Secretary.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

33d Communication.

SAINT JOHN.

August 28, 1900.

M. W. JAMES G. FORBES, Grand Master, the representatives of twenty-two Lodges, and New York by R. W. HENRY GRAHAM.

An emergent communication was held at Fredericton, Sunday, June 24, 1900, for the purpose of attending Divine service in Christ Church Cathedral in commemoration of the Festival of Saint John the Baptist. The services were under the direction of R. W. and VERY REV. FRANCIS PARTRIDGE, Dean of Fredericton, Past Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master delivered an excellent address. He gave encouraging reports from all the Lodges—of which he had visited seventeen—and had by dispensation created two new Lodges.

Being impressed with the desirability of the maintenance of the custom of Grand Representatives between the various Grand Lodges, and somewhat surprised at the limited representation of this Grand Lodge near Foreign Grand Lodges—there being but four outside of the neighboring Republic—the Grand Master had entered into correspondence with the Grand Lodges of Europe and other foreign countries, and "everywhere his offer for an exchange of Grand Representatives had been most cordially reciprocated." Our M. W. brother appears to entertain a most exalted opinion of this *modern* custom, for he says: "To us it should be doubly dear, even if it were not an ancient landmark to be sacredly guarded as all landmarks should."

As we glance over the enumerated list we are constrained to say—and we do so with all due respect—that our M. W. brother in the carrying out of his laudable efforts has entered into fraternal relations with some

Grand Orients and Grand Lodges, which the judgment of Grand Lodges older than New Brunswick has not yet classed as Independent Grand Lodges having exclusive jurisdiction over the three symbolic degrees. It also appears that official relations had been entered into with the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, a Grand Lodge with which Masonic relations are interdicted by many of the Grand Lodges of the United States, by reason of its invasion of the jurisdictional rights of the Grand Lodge of New York.

Respecting the scheme for an amalgamation of the Grand Lodges of the Maritime Provinces, nothing had been accomplished.

A somewhat lengthy report was made upon the evil arising from the suspension of members for non-payment of dues, and the committee submitted suggestions designed to have a remedial effect. It appears somewhat complicated to us, and action thereon was deferred for another year, in order that the opinion of the subordinate Lodges might be obtained thereon. The plan embraced one commendable feature (at least), that no member's fees shall be exacted by the Grand Lodge for that year, in the event of a member's dues having been remitted by the Lodge.

Receipts, \$2,238.24; disbursements, \$2,173.99, and balance on hand, \$1,228.45. Fund of Benevolence, \$2,794.18.

Next Annual Communication, Saint John, August 27, 1901.

M. W. JAMES G. FORBES (*Saint John*), Grand Master, *re-elected*, and R. W. J. TWINING HART (*Saint John*), Grand Secretary, *re-elected*.

NOVA SCOTIA.

35th Communication.

HALIFAX.

June 13, 1900.

M. W. THOMAS B. FLINT, Grand Master, the representatives of forty-two Lodges, and R. W. and REV. R. CAMPBELL, Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and M. W. DONALD DARRACH, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, as visitors.

After the formal opening of the Grand Lodge, the representatives, headed by the band of the First Regiment, Canadian Artillery, marched to St. Paul's Church, where Divine service was held, an eloquent sermon being delivered by R. W. and REV. REGINALD H. BULLOCK, Past Grand Chaplain—"Let us arise and build."

In his allusion to the war in South Africa, the Grand Master made reference to the evidence it afforded of the unity of the British Empire and of the loyalty of the people of every portion of the Queen's Dominions.

There had been a substantial gain in the membership of the Lodges, and the Grand Master paid a richly deserved compliment to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for the completeness of "a bird's-eye view" of the proceedings taking place in the Masonic world. One new Lodge had been created under dispensation.

During the temporary absence of the Grand Master, in attendance upon his Parliamentary duties at Ottawa, the Craft had been under the supervision of the Deputy Grand Master, and he made due report of his official acts.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters are very complete.

Upon the question of the feasibility of a consolidation of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island and this Grand Lodge, very little progress had been made.

The Grand Lodge extended its congratulations to LORD BOWERS (an eminent Mason), Field Marshal, Commander of Her Majesty's troops in South Africa, for the glorious results achieved by him in the South African war.

During the session the brethren indulged in a pleasant excursion on the harbor, as the guests of the Lodges of the cities of Halifax and Dartmouth.

Receipts, \$4,750.35; disbursements, \$4,605.66, and balance on hand, \$1,790.39. Benevolent Fund, \$4,158.47.

Next Annual Communication, Halifax, June 12, 1901.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Correspondence (133 pp.), reviewing the proceedings of sixty-one Grand Bodies, is the joint work of M. W. T. B. FLINT and R. W. THOMAS MOWBRAY. M. W. BRO. FLINT covers fifty Grand Jurisdictions, including New York for 1900.

M. W. T. A. COSSMANN (*Halifax*), Grand Master, and R. W. WILLIAM ROSS (*Halifax*), Grand Secretary, *re-elected*.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

25th Communication.

CHARLOTTETOWN.

June 25, 1900.

M. W. JOHN A. MESSERVY, Grand Master, the representatives of twelve Lodges, and New York by R. W. J. G. WELDON.

The Grand Master had visited eleven of the Lodges, and encouragingly reports excellent work and perfect harmony. Due announcement was made of the death of R. W. J. D. MASON, Past Grand Treasurer—having been elected as such at the organization of this Grand Lodge.

The committee appointed to confer with the Grand Lodges of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, relative to the formation of one Grand Lodge for the Maritime Provinces, reported no progress. Apparently there are too many interests to reconcile.

Business of local interest only.

Receipts, \$286.50; disbursements, \$259.52, and balance on hand, \$178.78. Benevolent Fund, \$321.47.

Next Annual Communication, Charlottetown, June 14, 1901.

M. W. RONALD McMILLAN (*Charlottetown*), Grand Master, and
R. W. NEIL MACKELVIE (*Summerside*), Grand Secretary, *re-elected*.

QUEBEC.

30th Communication.

MONTREAL.

January 31, 1900.

M. W. BENJAMIN TOOKE, Grand Master, the representatives of fifty-five Lodges, and New York by M. W. M. M. TAIT.

The Grand Master chose as his theme in the introduction to his annual address, "Benevolence and Charity," and exhorted the brethren to devise means for an enlargement of their scope. A beautiful tribute was paid to the memory of M. W. J. HAMILTON GRAHAM—the first Grand Master of this Grand Lodge—whose obsequies were held under the direction of the Grand Lodge. He recommended that each Lodge should forward to the Grand Treasurer all voluntary subscriptions that may be collected toward the cost of erecting a suitable monument to the memory of the deceased brother.

Under the head of Freemasonry in the Colonies, referring to the declaration made by the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales "for sovereignty in its territory, and that no other Grand Lodge has the right to grant a warrant for a new Lodge within its territorial jurisdiction," the Grand Master makes the following allusion to the home situation:

"In our own jurisdiction we have nearly sixty Lodges on the Register of this Grand Lodge and under our government pursuing an honorable course and endeavoring to extend the usefulness of our Fraternity. In addition to this there are three Lodges still holding allegiance to England, under a government 3,000 miles away, which contribute to the general and benevolent fund of that Grand Body, and which are daily receiving material that by every written and expressed opinion belongs to this Grand Lodge. The question naturally follows:—why do these three Lodges stand aloof and refuse to join the great majority of Masons and the general work of our Fraternity? The only reason advanced so far is sentiment, and the opinion openly expressed by several earnest Masons is, that isolation from us does not meet with universal favor among the members of these three Lodges, owing in the first place to the general change of feeling throughout the Craft; secondly, to the knowledge that the best interests of Masonry would be served by united action. Further, if personal feelings and individual interests were not considered, and the fact realized that we are all descended from the same Mother Grand Lodge, and above all that we are Canadians, this long standing difference could be settled.

"It is well known that the Grand Lodge of England is desirous that all Lodges in this jurisdiction should be on the register of this Grand Lodge. She has encouraged this course by the refusal to appoint a successor to the late HON. JUSTICE BADGLEY, by the refusal to issue warrants for any new Lodges in the jurisdiction, and still more pointedly in the recent amendment to her constitution, plainly setting forth the honorable and constitutional procedure for all her subordinate Lodges in the Colonies or foreign parts desiring to cast in their lots with recognized Grand Lodges."

We have confidence to believe that the course pursued by this Grand Lodge will ultimately result in a unity of all the Lodges in this Province. It certainly should be so. Freemasonry in this jurisdiction had been prosperous, and it is, indeed, a cause for congratulation that there had been a net gain of about fifty per cent. in membership within the last decade. Especially so when we realize that the surrounding elements in this Province are hostile to our Institution.

We commend the fraternal spirit evinced by the Grand Master with reference to worthy brethren unable to pay Lodge dues. We esteem it the duty to retain such brethren in good standing.

"So much has been written and expressed regarding the suspension of members for non-payment of dues that I will venture an opinion if only for the guidance of some who think as I do on this vexed question. We have members in our Fraternity who are unable to pay their dues when they mature, there are also those who can pay, but will not.

"The first-named are more familiar with their true position than any one else, except, perhaps, their families or those dependent on them. Investigate such cases, and, if worthy, grant such a brother his demit at once without trial.

"To summons him to appear and show cause, is equivalent to summons him to show poverty. Treat him leniently and in accordance with the spirit of our Fraternity, and when conditions warrant it, he will be only too glad to renew the pleasant relations he formally enjoyed with his brethren. A brother is not likely to forget a summons, or forgive a suspension, but deal with him in a broad, fraternal spirit, and fewer will be turned adrift. Let us in this way endeavor to reverse existing conditions by encouraging restorations and decreasing suspensions."

The Grand Chaplain, R. W. and REV. FRANK CHARTERS, delivered an excellent discourse before the Grand Lodge.

A grant of three hundred dollars was made to the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

The proposition to create a Permanent Benevolent Fund and at the same time secure a home for this Grand Lodge in perpetuity, had due consideration, and action thereon was postponed until the next Annual Communication, in order that a more general knowledge of it might become known to the Craft.

Receipts, \$2,439.40; disbursements, \$2,848.87, and balance on hand, \$1,547.12. Benevolent Fund, \$1,228.88. Invested assets, \$11,807.84.

Next Annual Communication, Montreal, January, 1901.

CORRESPONDENCE.

M. W. E. T. D. CHAMBERS, after two years' service as Grand Master, again resumes his position as correspondent, and furnishes a report (110 pp.) covering the proceedings of fifty-three Grand Bodies. It is a pleasure to welcome him as such.

Our brother expresses his disapproval, as a matter of principle, of the action of the Grand Masters of Tasmania and Egypt in their acceptance of the honor of Past Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of England, conferred by H. R. H. the PRINCE OF WALES, Grand Master. His contention is that, being Grand Masters of a Grand Lodge, and equal as such to any, they could not consistently accept a distinction of a lower

grade in rank. It does not present that aspect to our mind, and we should not regard this honorarium as reflecting in any degree upon the actual rank attained by them as Grand Masters of a Grand Lodge.

As germane to the point presented by the Grand Master in his annual address, we append our brother's wise conclusion from his review of MAINE:

"His expression of the opinion that the Grand Lodge of Quebec, if it would only insist upon its rights and enforce them, could put to rest a matter that has been troubling it ever since its organization, is undoubtedly due to his intense sympathy for our Grand Lodge and a desire to see the right prevail. The Masonic history of the last twenty years in Quebec shows that BRO. DRUMMOND's hope is groundless, at least so far as the present is concerned. The Grand Lodge of Quebec pursued the course suggested by our good brother, not in the manner of a creditor taking a debtor by the throat, it is true, but as a body of Masons fraternally standing for a Masonic right, which, as Masons, they had every reason to expect would be accorded them by all other Masons the world over. If, finding themselves disappointed in this reasonable expectation, they abstain to-day from maintaining an attitude, which, in the present temper of other excellent Masons, who are doing equally good work in the cause of T. G. A. O. T. U., will clearly not tend to secure to the Grand Lodge its Masonic rights, but will rather serve to perpetuate what the outside world is apt to regard as a Masonic scandal, it is not that our Grand Lodge has forgotten or withdrawn its rightful claim, but that those who have given the most careful thought and consideration to the matter, have arrived at the conclusion that only Time—the great healer—will bring about the final establishment of Right and Justice."

New York for 1899 has just consideration. Our brother is not entirely correct in his inference "that means are *required* for enlarging the accommodations of the Masonic Home." It would appear to us that the legitimate income and the natural accretions of fund should be ample without any special efforts.

M. W. B. TOOKE (*Montreal*), Grand Master, *re-elected*, and R. W. J. H. ISAACSON (*Montreal*), Grand Secretary, *re-elected*.

FOREIGN GRAND LODGES.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

We have the Proceedings of the Quarterly Communications of this Grand Lodge for the year 1900.

Quarterly Communication, March 7, 1900.

In response to the request of H. R. H. the PRINCE OF WALES, M.^c. W.^c. Grand Master, it was resolved that a fund be raised from which the several District Grand Lodges under the English Constitution in South Africa might be assisted to relieve the distresses of their loyal members occasioned directly by the war in that quarter, said fund to be entitled the "South African Masonic Relief Fund." The Grand Lodge appropriated one thousand guineas thereto, and subscriptions were to be solicited from Provincial and District Grand Lodges, and private Lodges.

The District Grand Master of the Transvaal was present and expressed his gratitude at the generous purposes of this fund for the relief of the loyal brethren in the Transvaal.

In making the nomination of H. R. H. the PRINCE OF WALES for reelection as Grand Master for the twenty-sixth time, the statement was made that when first installed there were 1,200 Lodges on the roll, and that now there were over 2,700. We have no means of knowing how many of these are active Lodges, but from the vacant numbers in the list of contributing Lodges we deem 1,400 a conservative estimate.

The Grand Lodge voted to recognize and acknowledge the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, recently formed by Lodges under the District Grand Lodge.

In connection therewith, we present the facts as cited:

"V.^c. W.^c. BRO. JOHN STRACHAN, Q. C.: Most Worshipful Grand Master in the chair, in seconding this motion I may say that we have in Western Australia a District Grand Lodge consisting of thirty-four Lodges under our English Constitution—they form a District Grand Lodge. For some time there has been a feeling there that they were large enough and strong enough to have a Grand Lodge of their own, and it has been the policy of this Grand Lodge of late years to give facilities to brethren in the Colonies and Districts where they feel themselves strong enough and of sufficient unanimity, for forming a Grand Lodge. A few years ago it had to be done in a hole-and-corner way, but now the District Grand Master can grant a dispensation for the brethren to hold meetings and give an opportunity to the members to discuss the question whether they shall form themselves into a Grand Lodge, and then to join the Grand Lodge which they propose so to form. The brethren in that District of Western Australia for some years past have been agitating for the formation of a new Grand Lodge of their own, but some outsiders—I use the word advisedly, for we cannot trace them and we do not even know if they are Masons at all—but these outsiders have declared themselves a Grand Lodge supreme over the territory of Western Australia, and have called upon our Lodges to submit themselves to their jurisdiction. And this so-called body sent a most impertinent demand to our Grand Master that he should not grant more warrants in their jurisdiction. It was not a question of a number of Lodges who were working under any jurisdiction; they had not even a

Lodge, a subordinate Lodge. They began to make Masons, I am informed—I can only tell you what I am informed—in that District. They made Masons clandestinely and then formed Lodges in order to support themselves as a pseudo Grand Lodge. This particular so-called Grand Lodge has applied for recognition, and I am going to move later on that we do not recognize them. The others are loyal to English Freemasonry. Our brethren of the District felt that unless they took immediate steps those spurious people would get such a hold on the Colony and become so strong that it would be a cause of very, very great trouble indeed. Therefore, the District Grand Master granted dispensations for the several Lodges under our jurisdiction to meet and discuss whether they would form a Grand Lodge of their own. That is the Constitutional way of doing it, as laid down in our Book of Constitutions. They met, some thirty-three or thirty-four Lodges, and resolved to form a Grand Lodge. They passed various resolutions; they have formed themselves into a Grand Lodge and they elected a Grand Master. They have now applied to this Grand Lodge and to our Grand Master for recognition. I have heard it said that they have no Scottish Lodges among them. There are Scottish Lodges out there. (A voice, 'Twenty-eight.'—Another voice, 'Only a few.') I do not care if there are a few, or one thousand; there are Scottish Lodges there. We are on the most fraternal terms with our Scottish brethren and I hope we shall always be so. We are all Masons; but these Scottish Masons were applied to before the formation of the proposed Grand Lodge. They were applied to, to join with our thirty-four Lodges in forming the Grand Lodge. But they said they had not the provisions in their Scottish Book of Constitutions that we had, and therefore, on that ground solely, they did not come in with our members. There is no ill-feeling; on the contrary there is the best feeling, and the probability is that very shortly after the Grand Lodge is acknowledged, a Scottish Grand Lodge will be formed, and the two Grand Lodges will work side by side, until they form a United Grand Lodge. What our advisers out there have done is this: we are earnestly assured by our District Grand Master—SIR GERARD SMITH—that unless this new Grand Lodge is recognized it will have a very, very bad effect on English Masons out there. I am authorized formally to intimate that on recognition being accorded by this Grand Lodge, it is not the intention of the Most Worshipful Grand Master to grant for the future any warrant for a new Lodge in Western Australia, provided that the rights of any Lodge desiring to retain its connection with the Grand Lodge of England shall be respected."

An application also having been received from an irregular body styling itself the Grand Lodge of Western Australia (being the first one formed), recognition was summarily refused.

Annual Grand Festival was held April 25, 1900, M.^c. W.^c. the Right Honorable the EARL OF AMHERST, Pro Grand Master on the Throne.

Congratulations were extended for the deliverance of H. R. H. the PRINCE OF WALES, Grand Master, from the hand of the assassin, upon the occasion of the late attempt upon his life.

The M.^c. W.^c. Grand Master having appointed twenty-five brethren to Past Grand Rank in commemoration of the completion of twenty-five years of his Grand Mastership, they were duly presented and welcomed.

At the close of the session the annual banquet was served.

Quarterly Communication, June 6, 1900.

Lodges were admonished that at recreation banquets, when ladies and others, not Masons, are present, "it was most improper and irregular to introduce anything whatever of a Masonic character into the speeches or proceedings." Not understanding why this was adopted, we give it up. We have always considered that at a mixed banquet considerable could

be said of a Masonic character or nature which would be wholesome and productive of good results. The usual appropriation of £70 was made for the purchase of coal for the inmates of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons.

Quarterly Communication, September 5, 1900.

M. W. RALPH E. PRIME, Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, was present as a visitor.

Announcement was made that the subscriptions to the South African Masonic Relief Fund amounted to £9,002, of which £4,000 had already been transmitted to South Africa.

Balance in the Fund of Benevolence, £4,259; payments during the year, £6,445. General Fund balance, £8,166.

V. W. EDWARD LETCHWORTH (*London*), Grand Secretary.

SCOTLAND.

We have the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Scotland for the year 1900.

At the Quarterly Communication of February 1, 1900, it being the first since his election, the Grand Master, M. W. JAMES HOZIER, took the opportunity of expressing his appreciation of the high honor conferred upon him.

Charters were granted to nine Lodges.

The Grand Lodge declined to consider a complaint coming from a body calling itself the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, being, we judge, the irregular body organized in that Province. It was reported that at a Masonic service held in St. Giles' Cathedral, in the Province of Midlothian, there being in attendance the Grand Master, Grand Office bearers, and brethren to the number of about seven hundred, the sum of £600 had been realized for the benefit of the fund for the relief of the dependants of the soldiers and sailors killed or wounded in the war in South Africa.

At the Quarterly Communication held May 3, 1900, an address was ordered presented to His Royal Highness the PRINCE OF WALES, congratulating him upon his providential escape from the dastardly attack made upon him while passing through Brussels. It was ordered that "no elective Grand Office bearer (the Grand Master and paid officers excepted) shall hold the same office longer than one year." Plainly there are others who have ambition.

Application having been made from the Grand Lodge of Western Australia (being the second body organized), desiring recognition, it was resolved to await report from the District Grand Master of Western Australia, before taking any action thereon.

Grand Representative was appointed near the Grand Lodge of Cuba. The accounts of several Grand Visitations by the Grand Master and

Grand Officers are printed in full, including that of the laying of the corner-stone of a public hall at Steinhausemuir.

At the Quarterly Communication held August 2, 1900, the bust of LORD SALTOUN, Past Grand Master—the seventy-fifth Grand Master of Scotland—was unveiled and presented to the Grand Lodge with suitable remarks. We infer that the Grand Lodge had also honored itself in the presentation of a similar work of art to Lady Saltour.

Honorary membership in this Grand Lodge was conferred upon His Royal Highness LEOPOLD FRIEDRICH, Prince of Prussia, the Protector of the Grand Lodges of Germany.

A communication was received from R. W. D. MURRAY LYON, Grand Secretary, announcing his resignation as Grand Secretary, and, in accepting the same, the Grand Lodge expressed its deep regret that the failing health of the brother had compelled this step. A service of nearly twenty-four years had made his name and the Grand Lodge of Scotland almost synonymous terms, and in testimony of his faithfulness it was agreed that the full salary of the office, £800 per annum, be continued during his life.

A special committee of the Grand Lodge was instructed to advertise for applicants for the appointment of Grand Secretary, at the salary of £400 per annum.

Appended to the proceedings are accounts of various public ceremonial occasions of interest to the Craft and also articles copied from *The Freemason*, expressing the general regret at the resignation of Grand Secretary LYON, and reciting the great improvement in Scottish Freemasonry resulting from his earnest labors. We think, as therein stated, that our esteemed brother might rightly and affectionately be called "the Grand Old Man of Scottish Freemasonry."

At the Annual Communication held November 30, 1900, occurred the installation of Grand Officers, W. DAVID RIED having been chosen as Grand Secretary. There was a large attendance of the brethren, about four hundred in number, and the Festival of St. Andrew was duly celebrated.

Letters having been received from the Grand Lodge of New Zealand protesting against the action of the District Deputy Grand Master of New Zealand, South, in erecting a Grand Lodge in that colony, it was ordered that information be conveyed "that the Grand Committee entirely approved of the action of the District Deputy Grand Master."

By a table submitted by the Grand Secretary it would appear that the number of entrants recorded on the books of the Grand Lodge during the past one hundred years had been 274,518, an average of 2,718. The smallest number in any one year, 661; and the largest, 7,608 (1900).

The number of Lodges on the roll appear to be six hundred and fourteen.

General Fund and Real Estate, £44,490. Fund of Scottish Benevolence, £7,803. Annuity Fund, £29,611.

M. W. JAMES HOZIER, Grand Master, *re-elected*, and R. W. DAVID RIED (*Edinburgh*), Grand Secretary.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

We have the proceedings of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales for the year ending June, 1900.

Quarterly Communication, December 13, 1899.

The Grand Master inaugurated the custom of presenting at the quarterly meetings a brief summary of any event of importance occurring between the regular meetings—a good idea.

Having received a request from “some suburban brethren for permission to visit a meeting of those who, unhappily, still refuse allegiance to this Grand Lodge,” the Grand Master directed attention to the fact that the edict of this Grand Lodge dated December 4, 1898, against either visiting or receiving visits from any body of Freemasons in New South Wales not on the register of this Grand Lodge, had never been revoked. We presume this had reference to Cambrian Lodge No. 656, as the Grand Master alluded to his correspondence with the Grand Lodge of England in reference thereto, and also expressed the hope of a peaceful solution of the point at issue. In this we fear he is too sanguine, judging from the action had by the Grand Lodge of England, September, 1899. While upon this subject we excerpt from the report of the Committee on Correspondence for the present year, the following:

“The position of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales may be thus stated:

“The whole matter resolves itself into the question, Was the English warrant of Lodge Cambrian No. 656, legally surrendered in 1888, and subsequently ‘endorsed on the margin,’ in accordance with the request of the Grand Lodge of England?

“Our Grand Lodge maintains that it was. England practically assented to this for many years, but its Board of General Purposes now alleges that it was only a case of ‘the majority of the Lodge determining to retire from it.’

“Our records show no justification for assenting in any way to this allegation.”

The Grand Lodge appropriated one hundred guineas to the Patriotic Fund, for the relief of suffering caused by any casualties occurring among the New South Wales troops serving in South Africa.

A Special Communication was held February 1, 1900, to consider the application for recognition of the newly formed Grand Lodge of Western Australia.

As a matter of record we insert the entire report presented upon this matter.

“On December 6, 1898, a number of brethren met together in Perth, and resolved to form a ‘Grand Lodge of Western Australia.’ There were no Lodges represented at that meeting, simply a number of unattached brethren, who, to use their own words, were ‘owing no allegiance to any Grand Lodge having authority here [i.e., Western Australia], and were therefore free to hold meetings and to constitute a Grand Lodge.’ Upon this ground—the presumed right of a number of unattached Masons to

meet and constitute a Grand Lodge—they claim recognition as the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Western Australia.

"We are not informed as to the precise number of brethren present at the formation of this body, but, at the installation of the second Grand Master (the first having only ruled for twenty days) there were only seven Past Masters present, and there were not enough members to fill all the offices in Grand Lodge."

GRAND LODGE FORMED BY BRETHREN UNDER THE E.C.

"On February 1, 1899, the District Grand Secretary, E.C., issued a circular to the Lodges under that Constitution, calling attention to certain clauses in the Book of Constitutions bearing upon the subject, and stating that the District Grand Master would be prepared to issue dispensations to Lodges to enable the members to discuss the advisability of forming a Grand Lodge.

"On October 11th, the District Grand Lodge met, and the result of the discussion in the Lodges was announced as follows: Lodges under the E.C., 34; of these, 33 had decided in favor of the establishment of a Grand Lodge, and the remaining Lodge was understood to be opposed to the proposal. The number of Lodges under the S.C. was reported as 24, and those under the I.C. as 2.

"At this meeting the Grand Lodge of Western Australia was declared to be formed, and His Excellency SIR GERARD SMITH, K.C.M.G., Governor of the Colony, was elected Grand Master. We have received an application for recognition from this Grand Lodge, and our M. W. Grand Master has been invited to perform the installation ceremony."

THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTTISH FREEMASONRY IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

"On October 26, 1899, a letter was written to us by the District Grand Secretary, S.C., stating that the Lodges under that Constitution had been prohibited from taking any part in the movement for the establishment of a Grand Lodge. This letter gives the number of Lodges as follows:

"E.C. (one dissenting).....	33
"S.C.	28
"I.C.	2

"On December 28, 1899, the District Grand Lodge, S.C., held a meeting, and it was then announced that R. W. Bro. the REV. G. E. ROWE had received from the Grand Lodge of Scotland his Patent of Office as Pro-Grand Master of Western Australia. The District Grand Lodge, S.C., was thereupon proclaimed to be the 'Grand Lodge of Scottish Freemasonry in Western Australia,' and Grand Lodge Officers were appointed.

"This body has not asked us for recognition as a Sovereign Grand Lodge, but it has (as also has the body formed on December 8, 1898) written to protest against the recognition by us of the Grand Lodge formed on October 11th."

All the proceedings, as far as we can see, were in accord with the provisions established by the Grand Lodge of England, relative to the formation of a Grand Lodge by Lodges under its Constitution. It would appear to us that the Lodges under the Scottish Constitution were more properly to be termed a Provincial Grand Lodge—having jurisdiction over the Lodges formed under the Scottish Constitution—for no evidence appears of any preliminary proceedings being had. All that we have before us is that at a meeting of the District Grand Lodge held December 28, 1899, it was *proclaimed* to be the Grand Lodge of Scottish Freemasonry in Western Australia.

The Grand Lodge granted its fraternal recognition to the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, formed October 11, 1899. We learn that the Grand Lodge of England gave its recognition March 7, 1900, and the same course was authorized by the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

Quarterly Communication, March 4, 1900.

The Grand Master reported that he had issued a warrant for a Lodge upon a petition which had been twice rejected by the Board of General Purposes—once after he had made a special recommendation to the Board for its favorable consideration. This apparent conflict of authority was correctly solved by the Grand Master ordering a warrant to be issued by the Grand Secretary and the Lodge had been duly constituted.

The Board of General Purposes presented an extended report upon this matter, briefly summarized as follows:

"Its contention was that a petition for a new Lodge should not be placed before the Most Worshipful the Grand Master for his consideration unless with the approval and recommendation of the Board; and that, although it did not follow that the Grand Master is called upon to grant a warrant when the Board does recommend, yet if the Board do not approve, and consequently do not recommend it, he cannot consider it."

After full discussion the report was rejected by a vote of 16 *for* and 132 *against*. It is our impression that the Board of General Purposes of this Grand Lodge will have to recognize the fact that there is a Grand Master over this Grand Lodge.

Special Communication, June 23, 1900.

R. W. JOHN B. TRIVETT, Deputy Grand Master, was present as the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of New York.

It is apparent from the Grand Master's address that there had been some friction in the Board of General Purposes—radical differences of opinion—and the course outlined by him would seem to us a very wise measure.

The report of the Board of Benevolence for the year shows relief granted, £1,176. The credit balance of that fund is £6,865, and the balance in the General Fund is £3,178.

Total number of Lodges, 186, with a membership of 7,506.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Correspondence (130 pp.) embraces the proceedings of fifty-four Grand Bodies, including New York for 1899. In this work, the chairman, R. W. JOHN B. TRIVETT, is to be congratulated upon his efforts to develop and maintain the reputation of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales. We note in the present report that a few of the jurisdictions were reviewed by two of his associate members, W. H. BROS. W. H. SHORTLAND and I. WHITNEY KING.

M. W. J. C. REMINGTON, Grand Master, and R. W. ARTHUR H. BRAY (*Sydney*), Grand Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND.

We have the proceedings of this Grand Lodge for the year 1900.

Annual Communication, April 26th, and half-yearly communication, October 31st.

M. W. RICHARD J. SEDDON, Grand Master, presided at the Annual Communication, at which time R. W. ALEXANDER S. RUSSELL, Past Deputy Grand Master, was elected and installed as Grand Master.

The proceedings of both sessions are largely made up of discussions upon amendments to the Constitution; the permanent location of the office of Grand Secretary—finally settled at Wellington after April, 1902; the preparation of a ritual—left to a committee having a free hand; and the proper title to be conferred upon Grand Superintendents—ultimately agreed should be Provincial Grand Master.

Recognition was extended the Grand Lodge of Western Australia. The contemplated resignation of R. W. and REV. WILLIAM RONALDSON, Grand Secretary, was announced. Our R. W. brother appears to have had the universal respect of the Craft, and he was honored by the presentation of an illuminated address and that upon his retirement from office he should receive a life pension of £137 per annum.

At the half-yearly communication, M. W. ALEXANDER S. RUSSELL, Grand Master, in the chair, announcement was made of the appointment of M. W. MALCOLM NICCOL, Past Grand Master, as Grand Secretary at the salary of £350. Charters were granted for two new Lodges. It was decided to be inadvisable to incorporate the Grand Lodge. Acknowledgment was made of the receipt of thirteen cancelled warrants from the Grand Lodge of England, and they were ordered presented to the Lodges, by which they were originally held, as mementos of their former connection with the Grand Lodge of England. A threatened invasion of the territory of this Grand Lodge by the Grand Lodge of Scotland in the contemplated establishment of a Lodge under the Scottish Constitution, by the District Grand Master S. C., was the subject of serious consideration. It appears from the letter of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, that the claim was advanced that:

"The Grand Lodge of Scotland, in agreeing to recognition, reserved the rights of her District Grand Lodges in this Colony, and the rights of daughter Lodges under the Scottish Constitution. One of the rights of a District Grand Lodge being that Provincial or District Grand Masters abroad may erect new Lodges by dispensation, and that right was not relinquished."

From the letter of remonstrance issued by the Grand Master it would appear that it was not so understood by the Grand Lodge of New Zealand. It is claimed that the terms of recognition by the Grand Lodge of Scotland were identically the same as those from the Grand Lodges of England and

Ireland, viz.: that no further Lodges should be erected in New Zealand. It would appear to us that the establishment and recognition of a Grand Lodge within defined territorial limits comprehended the basic fact that said Grand Lodge alone had the right to issue warrants for new Lodges therein.

The argument of the Grand Master would appear to be conclusive.

"In this circular you are represented as having made the extraordinary statement that although your Grand Lodge has formally and regularly recognized the Grand Lodge of New Zealand as sovereign governing body in this colony, yet you have reserved the right of erecting new Lodges under dispensation from your District Grand Lodges.

"I am at a loss to understand how one so well versed as yourself in Masonic law and usage can have fallen into this error; and can only attribute it to temporary forgetfulness on your part of the position of matters. I feel convinced that when you have carefully considered the subject, you will recognize the anomalous and inconsistent position you have taken up, and that you will, by withdrawing the circular, avoid the conflict of authority which must necessarily follow should your District Grand Lodges attempt to establish Lodges in this irregular manner.

"In the circular referred to, you are said to have stated that your Grand Lodge, in agreeing to recognition, reserved the rights of your District Grand Lodges in this colony, and the rights also of the daughter Lodges under the Scottish Constitution; and it may be well at this stage to quote the exact words of your letter to us conveying your Grand Lodge's recognition. They are as follows:

"It is a great pleasure to me to intimate to you that Grand Lodge has resolved to recognize the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, and to open fraternal relations with it, under the declaration and reservation that the Grand Lodge of Scotland retains its jurisdiction unimpaired over its Lodges in New Zealand who may choose to continue their allegiance to it; and also that the rights and jurisdiction of the three Scottish District Grand Lodges in New Zealand *over such Lodges* and Scottish interests be reserved."

"This practically places your Grand Lodge on the same footing as regards our terms of recognition as the Grand Lodges of England and Ireland, and, as you must clearly realize, it was the only basis upon which we could, with justice to them, accept recognition at your hands.

"These terms reserve the right on your part to maintain your three District Grand Lodges within our territory, and that they and you retain jurisdiction unimpaired over *then existing* Lodges, who may choose to continue their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Scotland; but your jurisdiction in New Zealand is strictly limited, by your own Act, to Lodges *in existence in the colony on 2d March, 1899*, the date of your letter announcing recognition of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

"Subject to the reservation imposed by you, and tacitly accepted by us, the Grand Lodge of New Zealand has been formally recognized by your Grand Lodge as exercising exclusive Masonic jurisdiction over this territory.

"Your authority, control, and jurisdiction are now by universally accepted Masonic law and usage strictly confined to the Lodges created by you while New Zealand was unoccupied territory or common ground, and immediately you recognized that a regularly organized Grand Lodge has been established in New Zealand your Grand Lodge ceased to have any authority whatever for the erection of new Lodges in this colony, either by charter or by dispensation.

"As regards the latter, I must point out, as I have no doubt you will readily admit, District Grand Lodges, in erecting Lodges under dispensation, are exercising delegated authority; and your Grand Lodge, having by the act of recognition abandoned its right to create Lodges in New Zealand, cancelled also any delegations previously made, but not exercised, prior to their abrogation. . . ."

The balances of the several funds are as follows:

General Fund.....	£634
Fund of Benevolence.....	2,075
Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Fund.....	735
Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund.....	218

Number of Lodges, 114, with a membership of 5,196.

R. W. MALCOLM NICCOL (*Auckland*), Grand Secretary.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

We have the proceedings of this Grand Lodge for the year ending April 18, 1900.

At the Annual Communication held at Adelaide, M. W. S. J. WAY, Grand Master, in the chair, there were present the representatives of twenty-eight Lodges, and New York by R. W. JAMES H. CUNNINGHAM.

The Grand Lodge of Western Australia, formed by the Lodges under the English Constitutions, was recognized as a lawfully constituted Grand Body.

Lodges were reported as working well, and according to the ritual and constitutions.

Grand Representatives with various American Grand Lodges were elected by the Grand Lodge, and also suggested for appointment as Representatives near this Grand Lodge.

The following balances reported at end of fiscal year: General Fund, £350; Available Benevolent Fund, £812; Permanent Benevolent Fund, £1,038; Freemason's Hall Property, £15,981.

Number of Lodges, 42, with a membership of 2,485.

R. W. JAMES H. CUNNINGHAM (*Adelaide*), Grand Secretary.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

We have the account of the Inaugural and subsequent meetings of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia.

From the history of the movement, we present the following:

"The movement for the establishment of a Grand Lodge for Western Australia had its beginning as early as 1894. At that date there were no other Lodges in the Colony but those owing allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England, a fact which was urged with a good deal of persistency by a worthy brother of Geraldton Lodge, No. 1683, E.C., as a good and sufficient reason for precipitating events. In the Eastern Colonies the step was taken when three constitutions were at work, and although the earlier movements in New South Wales and Victoria were not an unqualified suc-

cess, still it is now apparent that the labor of those enthusiastic brethren of twelve and thirteen years ago was the means of laying the foundation stones of those superb structures now admired and revered by Masons all over the world. The District Grand Lodge of Western Australia, E.C., however, did not entertain the Geraldton proposal, principally on account of the few Lodges in the Colony, and it accordingly lapsed. In the meantime several events transpired which had an important bearing on the question. As was anticipated by those who originally moved in the matter, the situation became complicated by the establishment of Lodges under the Scottish and Irish Constitutions, rendering Masonic unity less easy, although it is fully hoped and believed, not impossible of attainment. However, as in a large measure counterbalancing this temporary difficulty, the way had been made smooth for the legal establishment of a local Grand Lodge by a radical alteration of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England. Hitherto, as previously indicated, all such defections involved a technical act of rebellion, whereas provision is now made, so far as the Lodges holding under the Grand Lodge of England are concerned, for the constitutional setting up in distant parts of the Empire of a government for the Craft at once local and supreme.

"His Excellency BRO. SIR GERARD SMITH, who recognized the expediency of establishing a Grand Lodge, did not hesitate, as District Grand Master (E.C.), to lend his countenance to the movement and at once took steps to place the Lodges in his jurisdiction in a position to legally discuss the question, nor did he delay in urging upon the District Grand Lodge the wisdom of initiating the autonomous movement."

Circulars had been issued to the Lodges under the English Constitution, December 15, 1898, with copies of the Constitutional rules of the United Grand Lodge of England applicable to said purpose and also an assurance from the V. V. Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England to the effect, "that if the steps taken by the brethren in Western Australia to give effect to their wishes be of a constitutional character, neither the Grand Master nor the Grand Lodge would raise any objection to the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, provided the rights of those Lodges which might remain under the English Constitution be reserved and respected."

There were in this Province thirty-four Lodges under the E. C. and all joined in the movement except one Lodge.

At the meeting of the District Grand Lodge held October 11, 1899, it was resolved to form a Sovereign Grand Lodge for Western Australia, and R. V. GERARD SMITH was elected as Grand Master.

The Grand Master was installed February 27, 1900, by R. V. and REV. C. O. L. RILEY, Lord Bishop of Perth, Past Grand Chaplain of the United Grand Lodge of England, assisted by R. V. J. A. WRIGHT, late District Grand Master, and V. V. D. K. CONGDON, the oldest surviving Past Master in the Colony.

There were about a thousand present at the installation ceremonies, including members of Lodges under sister Constitutions of Scotland, Ireland, New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia. The Grand Master appointed a full corps of officers, and due proclamation was made of complete Constitution of the Grand Lodge of West Australia.

The Grand Master in his address made the following allusion :

"It is indeed a matter of regret that the work thus commenced and concluded has fallen short in one sense of that measure of completion which we had hoped would result. We all looked forward to the Unity

of the Three Constitutions, but circumstances which I need not allude to in detail have operated to prevent our Scottish brethren from joining us at present. This much, however, I desire to say, and I cannot impress it upon you too strongly, that the principal motive power which has operated to prevent the Scottish Constitution from associating themselves with us in an United Grand Lodge of Western Australia has been a feeling of obedience and strict subordination to their supreme authority. We who have been ourselves most careful to move within the bounds of those rules and regulations laid down for our guidance, cannot but accord to the S.C. the respect which is due to them in this matter, however much we may and do regret that they are not at one with us to-night."

A constitution was adopted at a meeting held March 16, 1900.

Quarterly Communication, April 27, 1900.

M^r. W^r. J. W. HACKETT, Pro Grand Master, and the representatives of twenty-four Lodges present.

It was reported that one of the Lodges (there only being two) under the Irish Constitution had joined, and also that one under the Scottish Constitution had decided to come in. One new Lodge had been constituted, warrants for two had been approved, and petitions for two Lodges received—all told this would make a representation of forty-two Lodges, having a membership of about 2,000.

Recognition had been extended by the United Grand Lodge of England, all warrants after being cancelled in London are to be returned, that they may be preserved as memorials of the Mother Grand Lodge.

The funds of the Grand Lodge are as follows:

General Purposes.....	£65	2	2
Fund of Benevolence.....	428	19	0
Grand Lodge of England (adjustment).....	68	14	6
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	£562	15	8

Rates were established for fees of office, viz.: For Grand Master, £10 10s.; Pro Grand Master, £7 7s.; Deputy Grand Master, £7 7s.; and for other officers, £2 12s. 6d. to 10s. 8d.

The first Grand Lodge to extend recognition was the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, followed by Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania, and New Zealand.

M^r. W^r. GERARD SMITH, Grand Master, and V^r. W^r. J. D. STEVENSON (*Perth*), Grand Secretary.

It would appear to us that the organization of this Grand Lodge had been in all respects regular, strictly conformable to the regulations of the United Grand Lodge of England, and under the favorable auspices which govern this new departure, we recommend recognition as an Independent Grand Lodge, upon due application.

GRAND LODGES' UNION OF GERMANY.

[Review and translation by W'. EMIL FRENKEL, Past Master of King Solomon's Lodge, No. 279.]

The Diet of the United German Grand Lodges.

The Annual Session of the Diet of the German Grand Lodges' Union was held on June 3, 1900, at the seat of the Hessian Grand Lodge in Darmstadt. We learn from the printed minutes that each Grand Body was represented as usual by its Grand Master and two delegates, except the two Bavarian delegates, who, being unavoidably prevented from attending, were excused. As customary, the Grand Master of the Grand Body under whose auspices the Convention is held, presided, and in conformity with this rule, M'. W'. BRO. BRAND opened the proceedings on the day mentioned at 10 o'clock A.M., in the Masonic Temple of the Lodge "St. John the Evangelist, Zur Eintracht."

In welcoming the representatives of the United Grand Bodies, he specially greeted those who had come for the first time to participate in the work that had been laid out on the trestle-board. The presiding officer expressed the hope that the present transactions will prove beneficial for the interests of German Craft Masonry, and that the brethren will be guided by the motto of the Grand Lodge Zur Eintracht, "*Concordia res parvæ cnesunt, discordia maximæ dilabuntur.*"

A fitting tribute was paid to the memory of the four Past Grand Masters, BROS. FLOHR, BAYERLEIN, PAUL, and KNOBLAUCH, who had finished their earthly labors since the last Diet had convened, two years ago, and in recognition of their prominent services the assemblage rose in silent reverence. The Diet further expressed its regrets by telegraph to the Royal Protector of the Grand Lodge Zur Eintracht, the Grand Duke of Hesse, ERNST LUDWIG.

BRO. BRAND having thanked M'. W'. PRINCE SCHOENAICH-CAROLATH and WAGNER for attending to the routine business of the Grand Lodges' Union during the past two years, appointed the Grand Secretary, BRO. F. A. KRÄUTER, as Recording Officer of the minutes of the present Diet, whereupon the order of business, as published, was approved with slight alterations and entered into.

I. FINANCIAL REPORT.—The accounts of the Grand Lodges' Union were accepted as submitted, according to which the general disbursements for the year 1898 and 1899 amounted to 1,066.84 marks, and the expenses for the year 1899 to 1900 represented 551.55 marks, making the share of each member for the latter year 68.95 marks.

II. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE "VICTORIA" CHARITABLE INSTITUTION.—The President of this committee, BRO. GERHARDT, reports material progress in this commendable charity, stating that:

1. The fund of the Sister Home has increased from 206,598.75 marks to 211,344.35 marks.
2. The Charity Fund from 86,070.30 marks to 87,865.05 marks.

3. The Dahme Asylum Fund from 11,398.80 marks to 12,657.50 marks, so that the total assets of this prominent Masonic Institution now amount to 311,866.90 marks against 304,067.85 marks of the preceding year. The Diet agrees with the committee's proposition to grant fifty special benefits amounting to a total of 5,100 marks, and also passed all the other recommendations considered advisable by the management of the Institution.

III. THE MOTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE "THREE GLOBES" TO AMEND PARAGRAPH 24 OF THE GENERAL LAW REGARDING THE RECEPTION OF CANDIDATES, SO AS TO PERMIT THE ACCEPTANCE OF A RENEWED REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP, WAS THE NEXT SUBJECT TO BE DECIDED.—A lengthy discussion took place, and, after the various opinions had been fully expressed, the motion as amended by the Grand Lodge of Hamburg was finally carried, with seven votes against one. It will, therefore, hereafter be possible for a candidate who has been rejected to renew his application, provided that the acceptance of the second application is allowed by the Grand Lodge of the Subordinate Lodge which desires the candidate as a member, coupled with the condition that three years must have elapsed since the first application was made.

IV. THE MOTION OF THE GRAND LODGE "ZUR SONNE" REGARDING THE SALE OF MASONIC LITERATURE.—This was unanimously carried after a few explanatory remarks by BRO. VON RHEINHARDT. In consequence of this decision the publishers of Masonic literature, intended exclusively for the members of the Craft, will be instructed to restrict the sale of such books to booksellers only who are known to be members of duly constituted Lodges.

V. The motion of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg to recognize and exchange representatives with the Grand Lodges of New Zealand, Liberia, and New Brunswick was passed, having been seconded and further recommended by the Grand Lodge of Saxony. The presiding officer was instructed to notify the said Grand Bodies of the action of the Diet. Mutual representatives of the first two named Grand Lodges were at once named and confirmed.

VI. The proposition to submit to the present Diet a uniform blank for a Masonic passport, a matter which already had the attention of a previous Convention, was next taken up. An artistic proof, presented by BRO. WALDO, met with general approbation, and he was directed to submit to the President of the Diet a final proof with slight alterations as to language and material.

VII. The discussion regarding a closer unification within the various elements constituting German Freemasonry followed, and the two motions referring to this subject were especially ventilated in an exhaustive manner. A letter was read from the Rhenish Westphalian Lodges' Union, which requested the Diet of the United Grand Lodges to consider anew the efforts to unite more closely all members of the German Craft and try, by all possible means, to attain this aim. This letter having been submitted, M.^r. W.^r. WIEBE (Hamburg) seconded the motion of the Executive Committee of a Masonic Convention held in Cassel during the preceding year, and emphasized the necessity not only of an external, but also an internal union within German Freemasonry, expressing, further, that the present institutions, which had been tried and proved of such great value,

should be preserved and also extended in the directions which he had mentioned. M. W. BRO. WAGNER explained the position of his Grand Lodge (Royal York), stating that the same had always favored a German National Grand Lodge even if the several Bodies had to bring heavy sacrifices in order to materialize this ideal. A formal union of German Freemasonry seemed at present impossible, but, for a better mutual understanding amongst the Grand Bodies, the following four conditions appeared to him as fundamental:

a. The relations between the St. John's and the Grand Lodges must remain undisturbed.

b. Every Grand Lodge must retain its method of teaching its Ritual and its Constitution.

c. Membership in Masonic Bodies of the same or higher rank as St. John's Lodges (higher degrees) do not grant special privileges in the government of a St. John's Lodge.

d. Absolute equality of all St. John's Lodges regarding the election of officers for a General Grand Body.

BRO. ERDMANN (Saxony) declares his sympathies with the whole movement, and wishes, under all circumstances, to uphold the present conditions and to maintain peaceful relations between the United Grand Bodies.

M. W. BRO. ZOELLNER (Grand Lodge of Prussia) and M. W. BRO. GERHARDT ("Three Globes") concur in the position taken by "Royal York."

After a further declaration of BRO. NIES (Concord), that his Grand Lodge desired to maintain the Grand Lodges' Union, and to further all tendencies in harmony therewith for the creation of a German Masonic Diet, and that the Grand Lodges' Union should take initiative steps in this matter, the following amended motion of BRO. GERHARDT was unanimously adopted:

The Diet of the United Grand Lodges should, through their Grand Master, enter into a preliminary consideration of the ways and means as to how the German Grand Lodge Union could be further extended for the purpose of a closer unification of German Craft Masonry, in the sense in which the various requests bearing upon this point had been presented.

VIII. The motion of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, made in the year 1897, asking for the appointment of a committee to report how the different qualifications for the reception of candidates in the various jurisdictions could be harmonized, a subject which was postponed before, was left over for the consideration of the next Diet without a dissenting vote.

The labors of the Diet having thus been concluded, BRO. BRAND thanked the assembled brethren for their indulgence with his conduct of the affairs, the result of which must have been gratifying to every member of the Fraternity. He was especially proud that peace and harmony had prevailed again under the auspices of the Grand Lodge "Zur Eintracht." BRO. GERHARDT finally expressed the thanks of the assembled representatives of the Grand Lodges to the presiding officer for the energetic and conciliatory manner in which he wielded the gavel.

The most important Diet of the last decade was closed with the usual ceremonies. Great credit is due to BRO. BRAND for the work he has accomplished. Where many predicted disruption and disorder, BRO.

BRAND, with great skill, not only smoothed over all differences of opinion wherever they appeared, but has brought, by his sagacity and truly Masonic policy, in closer touch all the members of the Grand Lodges' Union, and all are again willing and ready to put their shoulders to the wheel and work for the practical solution of the question, which has been foremost in the heart of every German Freemason—Unity!

DIE GROSSE NATIONAL MUTTERLOGE "ZU DEN DREI WELTKUGELN" (THE GRAND LODGE OF THE THREE GLOBES), AT BERLIN, S. (Splittbergasse 3).

Protector: His Royal Highness BRO. FREDERICK LEOPOLD, Prince of Prussia.

Grand Master: BRO. KARL GERHARDT, Berlin, Potsdamerstrasse 71.

Deputy Grand Master: BRO. KARL VON ROESE, Major-General.

Grand Secretary: BRO. OSCAR ZWICKAU.

Grand Archivist: BRO. MATHIAS HILDEBRANDT.

Mutual Representatives: Near the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes, BRO. KARL VON ROESE; near the Grand Lodge of New York, BRO. ALBERT JÄNICKE.

The Lodge of the Three Globes was founded September 13, 1740, by FREDERICK THE GREAT, and was instituted as a Grand Lodge on June 24, 1744. The great Prussian King was its first Grand Master, and continued as such nominally until his death (1786). It represents the largest German jurisdiction, controlling, according to the latest statistics, 134 St. John's Lodges, 69 Scottish Rite Bodies, 23 Masonic Circles, and 354 Benevolent Institutions (June, 1899). Its total membership at the end of the Masonic year 1899-1900 shows 14,272 brethren against 14,086, as per last year's report.

BRO. DR. GUSTAV DIERCKS continues as the competent editor of the *Bundesblatt*, the official organ of this Grand Body. (Address care of the Grand Lodge.)

We are indebted to the Prussian Grand Lodge for the prompt receipt of copies of its various publications, which have reached us with customary punctuality, and which contain such an ample supply of Masonic wisdom, knowledge, and current news, not only from the Fatherland, but from all parts of the globe, that we truly admire the sagacity and diligence with which all these items have been collected.

The protocols of the 1,030th, 1,031st, 1,032d, 1,033d, 1,034th, 1,035th, and 1,036th Sessions of this Grand Lodge contain the accounts of the ordinary business routine transacted; and while the so-called "Bundes Directorium" regulated the current affairs as they came up, the principal matters decided at these meetings were the selection of Foreign Representatives, appointments of delegates to various Masonic Conventions, conferring honorary memberships, distribution of charities, and similar deeds coming under the classification of so-called interna. One important question, however, appears frequently as the foremost Masonic topic in the minutes

of this Grand Jurisdiction, and it may just as well be reported here, as we believe that the sentiments expressed by the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes are also those of the other two Prussian Grand Bodies, and concern all the German Grand Lodges in a greater or lesser degree.

Most everybody will recall the disturbances created about ten years ago within the German Craft by the so-called "Settegast" Grand Lodge "Friedrich zur Bundestreue." Following these was a breach of concord caused by the organization of the Breslau Lodge, "Herman zur Beständigkeit" by the Eclectic Union. The differences were amicably and finally settled by a court of arbitration. Under these circumstances, and with the purpose of removing the stumbling block in the way of a complete union among all German Masons, the Hamburg Grand Lodge took up the "Settegast" question, and tried to solve the problem in a way that could not be criticised even by those who had opposed "Settegast" from beginning to end. M. W. BRO. WIEBE, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, convinced BRO. SETTEGAST that there was no auspicious future for the development of his Lodges, and that it would be for the best interest of the whole Fraternity to close his subordinate Lodges, with the understanding that the members thereof should form duly constituted Lodges in accordance with the rules and regulations of the German Grand Lodges' Union, and that these Lodges should thereafter be under the Hamburg jurisdiction. This programme was carried out in detail, and four new Lodges, "Germania," "Humanitas," and "Pestalozzi" in Berlin, "Zum Spiegel der Wahrheit" in Charlottenberg, and one Provincial Grand Lodge in Berlin, were chartered and authorized to work in accordance with the teachings of the Hamburg Grand Body.

It seems that the step taken by the Hamburg Grand Lodge did not meet with the unqualified approval of the other Grand Bodies, especially the three Prussian Grand Lodges, for the forms under which the transformation of the Settegast brethren into acknowledged Masons of regular standing, under the supremacy of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg took place, have been severely attacked, as shown by the minutes of the 1,036th session of the "Three Globes." The "Three Globes," after preferring lengthy charges, states directly that through a fraternal understanding between the various Grand Lodges, all differences might have been easily overcome, and that it might take a long time ere real fraternal relations would prevail between the existing Lodges in Stettin and the one which the Hamburg Grand Lodge proposed to erect there for the same purpose; that means, to receive members of a former Settegast Lodge. While on the one side the motives of the Hamburg brethren appear to be pure and fraternal, the prejudice against Settegast has been so pronounced that no matter in what way the subject might have been taken up for final settlement, it would have created some dissatisfaction on one side or the other. If, at last, the disturbing factor be fully eliminated, we trust that some good has been done, and that the friction at present existing will be overcome in course of time.

Among the festivities which united the brethren of this jurisdiction, the meeting of February 24, 1900, must be mentioned. On that day a life-size painting of M. W. BRO. GERHARDT was presented to the Grand Lodge in accordance with the resolution passed the previous year. The

picture itself is the work of Miss MARGARET GERHARDT, daughter of the Grand Master, and the ceremonies were conducted by R. W. BRO. VON ROESE, who, in a well delivered address, described BRO. GERHARDT's true Masonic qualities and excellent services rendered to the Craft, praying that the Great Architect of the universe might bless him for many years to come for his noble work. BRO. GERHARDT replied, thanking the brethren for the honor and promising to faithfully serve them as long as he could command their confidence and as long as his life should be spared.

The usual celebration of the St. John's Festival took place on June 24, 1900, the Deputy Grand Master being in the chair. The proceedings consisted of an address by the presiding officer, the annual report of the Grand Archivist, who gave a *résumé* of the Masonic work during the last century and an admonition for the future, and ended with the exhortation that St. John's Day should stir us up to become better Masons and do better work, that Masonic views will become the governing tendencies of our times. An oration by the Grand Chaplain finished the day's work.

The birthday of His Majesty the German Emperor, on January 27, 1901, was also the occasion of a celebration, which exhibited the true patriotism of this jurisdiction. Various addresses interspersed with musical recitations made up the programme, after which a collection for the poor and needy was taken up. In the evening the brethren rallied around the festive board and drank the health of their sovereign, as in previous years.

Congratulatory addresses were forwarded both to His Majesty the Emperor and to PRINCE FREDERICK LEOPOLD, Protector of the Prussian Grand Lodges, at the beginning of the new year. A grateful acknowledgment followed in each case, assuring the brethren of the appreciation of their work and of the good-will of the Imperial Family.

On June 20th, the monument of the late EMIL RITTERHAUS, Past Master of the Lodge "Lessing" in Barmen, was unveiled in the presence of a large assembly, that had gathered to do honor to the immortal genius of the celebrated poet, model citizen, and upright Mason. The statue shows RITTERHAUS's full figure, unadorned and plain as he always was, carrying in his right hand an ordinary cane, holding his hat in his left, his eyes turned towards the beautiful surroundings of the city which he loved so much during his lifetime. The monument is the work of the celebrated sculptor, PROF. SCHAFER, a son-in-law of our lamented brother. EMIL RITTERHAUS, although dead, still lives and will live in the memory of his innumerable friends until time is no more!

Another solemn but mournful communication was held on "All Souls Day," November 2d, in the Masonic Temple, the Deputy Grand Master, assisted by the associate Grand Officers, conducting the ceremonies, which consisted of song and prayer, followed by an address by BRO. VON ROESE, in which he dwelt upon the mortality of the body and the immortality of the soul. He remembered especially those who have gone before us during the last twelve months, giving also a retrospect of the memorable columns that had been broken in the Temples of Freemasonry during the century just closed. He pointed out that those who went before us have labored, upheld, and battled for the principles of the Order. We should never forget them and their work, but ever keep their memories green.

The names of all the members of the Grand Lodge and Subordinate Lodges who have died during the year were then read by the Senior Grand Deacon, whereupon the Grand Chaplain, BRO. NESSLER, stepped in front of the sarcophagus and delivered an oration in which he remembered both the late Emperors, WILLIAM I. and FREDERICK III., and proved that there could be no death—that is, no annihilation—but only a transformation from one form into another and more perfect one. The life given by God always flourishes, and this hope supports us. We know that justice and love will remain forever, and that those who have lived a just life cannot perish. Thus we follow the teaching of the Master of Nazareth—"Let us work as long as the day lasts, for the night will come, when we can work no more."

Before closing the ceremonies some musical recitations were rendered, and the brethren left deeply impressed by the fervor in accord with the occasion.

The regular Legislative Convention of this Grand Body was held on the thirteenth day of May, 1900, M. W. BRO. GERHARDT occupying the Oriental chair, and BRO. DIERCKS acting as Grand Secretary *pro tem*. One hundred and twenty-six voting members were present.

The presiding officer having paid his tribute of respect to those members of the Grand Lodge who had entered the Eternal East since their last session, opened the proceedings by explaining that the proposed changes of the Constitution had been duly considered and recommended by the Board of Administration, and submitted the question for the approval of the brethren, which was given without further comment.

According to the new language of Article 52, a subordinate Lodge in a foreign country is permitted to select an eligible member of a Lodge in Germany as its representative. Permission was also granted to the Board of Administration, in case a new Lodge is chartered abroad, to transmit the Charter and the Rituals to such brother as has been selected as the Master of the new Masonic Lodge. Besides there was only the election of members of the Law Committee on the trestle-board, and this matter was quickly disposed of by the election of its former members by acclamation.

Bundesblatt No. 16 records the various data contained in the last year's reports of our Grand Lodge and also mentions especially the interesting communication of R. W. BRO. FRIEDRICH ZIMMER, D. D. G. M. of the German District, which shows the prosperity of the German Lodges, and that, although the present German emigration is deteriorating, the attachment of the German element to Freemasonry is undiminished.

The address of M. W. BRO. WRIGHT D. POWNALL has also been duly considered in issue No. 21 of the *Bundesblatt*, and especially the position taken by our Grand Lodge as regards the Grand Lodge of the State of Washington and the Hamburg Grand Lodge.


Due mention is further made of the Golden Jubilees of "German Pilgrim Lodge No. 179," "Zschokke Lodge No. 202," and "Navigator Lodge No. 232"; also the silver anniversary of "von Mensch Lodge No. 756."

Considering the foremost position maintained by the oldest Prussian Grand Lodge, with a general retrospect over its work in the Masonic

field during the last twelve months, we are glad to note that its conservative management continues to bear rich fruit, that the quantity of its material has not suffered at the expense of the quality, and that the example that it has set for the Craft in many directions is well worth imitating. We are, therefore, particularly pleased that the fraternal relations existing between the "Three Globes" and ourselves continue as intimately as before, and are greatly indebted to R. W. BRO. JÄNICKE for keeping us so well posted on everything that appertains to the development of the Masonic cause on the shores of the Spree.

THE GRAND NATIONAL LODGE OF FREE-MASONS OF GERMANY (LANDESLOGE), AT BERLIN, W. (Eisenacherstrasse 11/13).

Protector: BRO. FREDERICK LEOPOLD, Prince of Prussia.

The Wisest Master  of the Order (Vicarius Solomonis): BRO. FREDERICK LEOPOLD, Prince of Prussia.

Grand Master: BRO. EUGENE VON KUYOKE, Lieutenant-Colonel.

Deputy Grand Master: BRO. OTTO BRENDL.


Grand Secretary and Archivist: BRO. WILLIAM RABE, Major. Eisenacherstrasse 11-13.

Grand Librarian: BRO. WALD, Dr. Phil. and Professor.

The Grand Lodge was founded December 27, 1770, and recognized as such on the sixteenth day of July, 1774. It controls at this writing 111 St. John's Lodges, 28 St. Andrew's Lodges, 7 Chapters, and 3 Provincial Grand Lodges, viz.: Silesia, at Breslau (1776); Lower Saxony, at Hamburg (1777); and Mecklenburg, at Rostock (1890).

Its latest membership list (June, 1900) shows 11,764 active Masons, controlling 148 Benevolent Institutions.

We have received with thanks the printed minutes of the four Quarterly Sessions of this Prussian jurisdiction held during the past Masonic year; also the protocol of the Festive Communication on St. John's Day, 1899, and the proceedings of the General Lodge of Sorrow held in memory of the deceased brethren.

The business routine transacted at the various conventions furnishes us very little news of international interest. We note, however, that this Grand Body was the recipient of a copy of an album of photographs issued by the Grand Lodge of Sweden in commemoration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the initiation, as member of the Fraternity, of the Wisest Master  of the Order, His Majesty KING OSCAR II.

A resolution was also passed providing for a marble bust of M. W. Past Grand Master BRO. ZOELLNER, to adorn the new Masonic Temple in the western part of the city of Berlin. This palatial edifice has meanwhile been dedicated and is now occupied as the official abode of the Grand National Lodge.

A new Lodge was chartered and set to work in Apenrade under the title of "St. Nikolaus an der offenen Rhede," the installation ceremonies being conducted by M. W. BRO. ZOELLNER.

As the most important event in this jurisdiction, however, we note the election of BRO. EUGENE VON KUYCKE to the office of Grand Master, for a term of three years (June 24, 1900-1903), M. W. BRO. ZOELLNER having asked to be relieved from further service in that capacity on account of his advanced years. On his election as M. W. Grand Master, BRO. VON KUYCKE expressed his thanks for the honor conferred upon him, stating that he was well aware of the difficulties connected with the exalted office, and promised always to be a strict judge, especially towards himself.

Other changes in the offices of the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens and Grand Treasurer took place, BROS. SPIELHAGEN, WILHELM HERMANN, and LOHMEYER being elected to fill the respective stations.

Acknowledgment of the receipt of our transactions and names of officers of the New York Grand Lodge were found duly noted in the list of communications received.

The St. John's Festival was celebrated on June 24th, with the usual pomp and ceremonies, but as the new Masonic Temple was unfinished at the time, the festivities took place in the celebrated building of the Grand Lodge "Royal York," BRO. ZOELLNER occupying the Oriental chair, the Protector, BRO. FREDERICK LEOPOLD, Prince of Prussia, being unable to attend through absence from the city. Telegrams and congratulatory letters were received in great number from Royal Dignitaries and others interested in the Masonic cause. The presiding officer delivered a well set address, explaining that the St. John's Day was a festival of light and love, a reminder to every brother to do his duty as a Mason, and a warning to the leaders of the Craft to hold fast to the underlying principles of the mystic tie. The speaker further stated that this was the anniversary of the foundation of the Grand Lodge, whose existence dated back 130 years.

In a review given by the Grand Secretary regarding the charitable work of the past Masonic year, the various benevolent deeds were enumerated, showing that 20,346 marks had been expended for the practical demonstration of Masonic principles.

Musical recitations and other speeches by prominent brethren followed. Grand Lecturer BRO. SECKT delivering the final address. He explained the Masonic meaning of the Rose—the Queen of Flowers—as representing the beauty with which the Great Architect of the universe adorns His creations, the wisdom with which He endows even His insignificant productions, and the never-failing strength with which the Lord always fills the earth from the cornucopia of His blessings. After prayer, the collection for the poor and distressed was made. The brethren then repaired to the banquet hall, and around the festive board spent a few hours in social intercourse. High midnight finally reminded the assemblage that "Das Rosenfest" was at an end.

The General Lodge of Sorrow, in commemoration of those brethren of the jurisdiction who have joined the great majority, was also held in the Temple of "Royal York" on the ninth day of March, on which occasion the names of the 311 brethren who had entered the Eternal East were read and a glowing tribute paid to the work they had performed during their Masonic careers. In continuation of his address, the Grand Master took

up his motto, "From Darkness to Daylight," and explained that death was a benefactor, for it brought peace to those who were tired of old age, it relieved the sick and frail from bodily pain, and conducted our souls to an eternal peace. Our whole life ought to be a preparation for death and a higher life beyond, and therefore the word "Death" should not imply any terror for the true Mason, but represent a loving guide which would conduct us to blissful immortality. In the absence of the Grand Lecturer, kept at home through illness, BRO. BEGEMANN delivered the oration, quoting from many German poets as to the immortality of the soul and the importance of always being ready for the call of our Maker. Nobody knows when his hour will come. Woe to him who thinks he is safe! Therefore, at all times and in all our deeds, we should never forget Goethe's words, "The death of the righteous will lead to life." This means, that death represents only a transitory state from the life on earth to the eternal life hereafter, when our immortal soul, freed from the fetters of the body, will rise upwards to the throne of the eternal light.

Congratulatory addresses upon the birthday of His Majesty the Emperor, and other festive occurrences in the Royal family, were sent in accordance with customary etiquette, and they were duly acknowledged by the Royal personages, who returned their wishes for the further successful development of the Masonic cause.

We cannot but admire the excellent work of the jurisdiction of the National Grand Lodge, showing its steady progress from year to year, upholding the fundamental laws of the Order, and still adapting itself to the changes that our modern times demand. Aristocratic in its membership, democratic in its teachings, the National Grand Lodge still holds the fort as a prominent bulwark of German Craft Masonry, and we extend to it our fraternal greetings, with the assurance of our best wishes for a bright future.

THE GRAND LODGE OF PRUSSIA, CALLED "ROYAL YORK ZUR FREUNDSCHAFT" (OF FRIENDSHIP), AT BERLIN (N. W. Dorotheen- strasse 27).

Protector: His Royal Highness BRO. FREDERICK LEOPOLD, Prince of Prussia.

Honorary Grand Master: BRO. PRINCE HEINRICH ZU SCHOENAICH-CAROLATH.

Grand Master: BRO. ALWIN WAGNER, Ph.D. and Professor, Monbijouplatz No. 11.

I. Deputy Grand Master: BRO. E. KNORR, Colonel.

II. Deputy Grand Master: BRO. I. G. BERTRAND.

Grand Secretary and Archivist: BRO. G. MITZLAFF, former Lieutenant-Colonel, Berlin, N. W. Dorotheenstrasse 27.

This Lodge derives its existence, as indicated by its name, from the Grand Lodge of England, and was founded in 1760, while its organization as a Grand Lodge was consummated on June 18, 1798. It is sovereign

of one Provincial Grand Lodge (Silesia, at Breslau), 12 Inner Orients, 67 St. John's Lodges, and 11 Masonic Circles. The total active membership shows 6,455 brethren, who manage 94 Charitable Institutions.

We are without any direct communications from this jurisdiction. There is consequently very little material from which to write a report. Indirect information, however, is to the effect that the late Honorary Grand Master, BRO. J. F. A. FLOHE, in his last will and testament made large bequests to the four Berlin Lodges of this jurisdiction and also donated to them his large and valuable Masonic library.

At an extraordinary session of this Grand Lodge under the Presidency of M. W. BRO. WAGNER, a change in Paragraph 344 C. of the Constitution was voted upon, fixing that the Lodge of Sorrow, in memory of the deceased brethren of the United Berlin Lodges, is to take place annually on the eleventh day of November.

THE GRAND LODGE OF THE ECLECTIC UNION, AT FRANKFORT-ON-THE-MAIN.

Grand Master : BRO. JOS. WERNER, Merchant (firm Werner & Winter), Fichardstr. 5 and 7.

Deputy Grand Masters : BRO. KARL BERNINGER, Merchant, Gr. Sandgasse 4; and BRO. FRIEDRICH AUERBACH, Merchant, Niedenau 50.

Grand Secretary (Recording) : BRO. PHILIP HERTZ, Feldbergstrasse No. 23.

Corresponding Grand Secretary : BRO. WILHELM LOTZ.

Grand Archivists : BROS. LUDWIG BANGEL and IGN. CREISENACH.

Mutual Representatives : Near the Grand Lodge of New York, BRO. FERDINAND GOEBEL; near the Grand Lodge of the Eclectic Union, BRO. ALEXANDER MARC, M.D., at Wiesbaden.

This Grand Lodge was founded March 15, 1783, and organized as an independent Grand Lodge on January 13, 1823, renouncing at that time the allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England. The latest reports before us show the Eclectic Union to be sovereign over 20 Lodges, with a roster of 2,832 active Masons, not counting 8 Masonic Circles which enjoy the protection of various Lodges belonging to this jurisdiction.

The number of Benevolent Institutions endowed and managed in the interest of the Frankfort Grand Lodge appears to be increased by three, making a total of fifty-five establishments where Masonic Charity is dispensed according to the wishes and inclinations of the various brethren, who have contributed their wealth to the sustenance of the respective charities.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the various "Mittheilungen" from the protocols of the different Sessions of this Grand Lodge, especially Nos. 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, and 239, which have reached us with the usual punctuality, and prove, beyond a doubt, that the Eclectic Craft has continued its active work in the quarries of Masonry during the past Masonic year.

The annual meeting of the representatives of the Grand Lodge was held on May 20, 1900, in the Temple of the Frankfort Lodge—"Sokrates

zur Standhaftigkeit," BRO. JOSEPH WERNER, Grand Master, presiding. After the opening of the proceedings, in accordance with the ritual, the M. W. brother welcomed the delegates, especially those from out-of-town, regretting that some of the subordinate Lodges had not been able to send their representatives.

The principal topic under discussion was the position of the Eclectic Union towards the effort to unite all German Grand Lodges into one Masonic Body, and, in order that the question might be thoroughly understood by every one present, Deputy Grand Master BRO. AUERBACH took the floor for the purpose of ventilating the various points to be considered. He finally expressed the following principles as fundamental as far as the Eclectic Union was concerned :

1. Everything apt to bring about a disruption of the present German Grand Lodges' Union must be avoided. The present status of the German Grand Lodges' Union, with its advantages and disadvantages, must be conserved until something better has been created in its place.

2. A closer union of the German St. John's Lodges can only be approved, if they remain completely independent from the so-called higher degrees, no matter in what form they exist.

3. The final union of German Freemasonry can only be consummated upon the basis of the humanistic principle, the latter being the most far-reaching and just, as it permits everybody to join the ranks of Freemasonry without restriction, provided he be of suitable character and unqualifiedly recognize the "General Masonic Principles" as proclaimed at the Hamburg meeting of Grand Masters, A.D. 1870.

After a further review of the historical developments of the question at issue, the speaker stated that, following the example of the three Prussian Grand Masters in forming a Grand Masters' Union in 1893, an action of which the consequence had been quite beneficial, the Grand Masters of the Hamburg, Bavarian, and Frankfort Grand Bodies had constituted themselves into a similar body, giving the other Grand and independent Lodges the privilege to join their organization if they saw fit. The purpose of this new alliance was to consider beforehand all important Masonic questions arising in the future, also the promotion of the tendency to unite all German Masonic Bodies under one Masonic tribunal by agreement upon general principles and the simplification of the constitution of the respective Grand Bodies.

Following BRO. AUERBACH, the Grand Master himself stated that a combination of humanistic Grand Lodges was a step in the right direction, and one that might surely lead to the desired end. The other Grand Lodges whose principles agreed with those of the Eclectic Union would undoubtedly fall in line. Various Saxon Masters had already spoken in favor of it, and the Hessian Grand Master had no opposition.

As a result of a general and rather animated discussion, the following resolution was unanimously passed, one delegate not voting :

"The Annual Convention of the Grand Lodge of the Eclectic Union approves the action taken by its Grand Masters, and decides to inform all of its subordinate Lodges of the discussion that took place upon this subject."

Regarding the password of the Master Mason, the usual translation of which was conceded to be wrong, the matter was referred to a committee of literary men to act, if possible, in conjunction with the Grand Lodges of Hamburg and Bayreuth.

The final theme on the programme, "The regulation of the relations of Freemasonry towards similar ethical societies," was then taken up and the incongruity of the position taken by the Grand Lodges' Union towards the "Odd Fellows" and "B'nai B'rith" pointed out—one having been defined as a non-secret society, the other as a secret society. It was agreed that the question ought to be decided upon general principles and therefore the delegates to the next Diet of the Grand Lodges' Union should endeavor to have the question referred to a committee for solution. Before doing so, or anything further, it was considered wise to consult with the Grand Lodges of Hamburg and Zur Sonne. There being no other work designated on the trestle-board, the convention adjourned.

The protocols of the various quarterly meetings contain mostly matters of local interest; the following, however, is considered important enough to report upon:

Thus we record with deep regret the demise, after a lingering illness of R. W. BRO. EMIL WENZ, Grand Secretary of the "Frankfort Grand Lodge," and we extend our sincere sympathy to our Frankfort brethren in their great bereavement; a good, true, and faithful Mason, ever ready to carry out his Masonic obligations, has been called from their ranks.

BRO. FRIEDRICH SCHMIDT, who had discharged the duties of Grand Secretary pro tempore during BRO. WENZ's sickness, declared that he was unable to fill the vacancy permanently, and BRO. PHILIP HERTZ was then unanimously elected as his successor. He accepted the honor with thanks, and hoped that some younger brother might, in the near future, relieve him.

The Grand Lodge of Ireland, as previously reported, having asked for the exchange of Mutual Representatives, their request was granted, and BRO. PROFESSOR DR. GOTTHOLD was selected as the first representative of the Irish Grand Body near the Eclectic Union. The appointment of BRO. R. S. TRESILIAN as the representative of the Eclectic Union in Dublin was also approved.

Similar requests from the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick in St. John and of the Grand Orient of Egypt in Alexandria, were also complied with, it having been previously ascertained that the said Grand Bodies had been recognized as such by the German Grand Lodge Union.

Protocol No. 233 acknowledges the receipt of a communication of R. W. BRO. FERDINAND GOEBEL, the esteemed representative of the Eclectic Union near New York, in which the writer expresses his appreciation of the honor of the appointment and encloses his photograph; the latter was filed in the archives of the Grand Lodge.

The Masonic Hall Association in Albany, New York, desiring to exhibit the signatures of all Grand Masters and having asked for same from the Eclectic officers, the latter gave their autographs, and also an impression of the official seal, as desired.

The receipt of the proceedings of our Grand Lodge, also the souvenirs of "Zschokke" Lodge No. 23 and German Pilgrim Lodge No. 179, pub-

lished on account of their Fiftieth Anniversary, has been duly acknowledged.

Various customary celebrations were held, especially the birthday of His Majesty the German Emperor, a congratulatory address being transmitted to him expressing the good wishes of the Eclectic Craft. A reply from the Imperial Cabinet was received, gratefully acknowledging the attention shown to the Protector of the three Prussian Grand Bodies.

A St. John's Festival, on June 23d, united, in the Temple of the "Frankfort Eagle," a great many of the prominent brethren of this jurisdiction, with Deputy Grand Master BRO. FRITZ AUERBACH in the chair. After prayer in poetic form, the presiding officer welcomed the assembled brethren and the recitation of a number of musical selections followed. BRO. AUERBACH next, in an address, pointed out that we were on the threshold of a new century and could not evade the question as to the position and the aim of Freemasonry to-day. He proved conclusively, that it was the duty of the fraternity to continue the diffusion of Masonic light, to concede to everybody freedom of thought, and to practise true charity in its highest perfection, representing the equality of all men. He further pointed out the evil consequences that must surely develop from the materialistic tendencies of our times, and admonished the brethren to promote and nurse the ideals which represented the sum and substance of Masonry. In this connection he quoted our patron, St. John, who advised his followers with the words, "Children, love one another," and when he repeated this advice to his disciples and they impatiently asked, "Why do you always give us the same advice?" St. John replied, "Because the Lord has thus commanded, and because this alone, if done, is sufficient."

He closed with the remarks, that no light would shine brighter than the light of love and peace kindled by Freemasons in their quiet Temple.

The official oration was afterwards delivered by the Grand Chaplain, BRO. REGES, who compared in his deductions the Holy St. John to Gutenberg, the 500th anniversary of whom was just being celebrated in the neighboring city of Mainz. "What has Gutenberg to do with Freemasonry?" he answered by an explanation, that everybody who had worked in the interest of humanity, education, and the enlightenment of the world must be considered as one of our predecessors and co-laborers, especially one whose discoveries have been of such decided influence upon the development of the human race for all times to come. He also stated that St. John had always been regarded as a patron saint of the printers, and the influence of their trade upon art and science could not be overestimated. He concluded by saying, "We are celebrating a festival of light, and both have brought light unto dark humanity. Let us trust that this light will shine brighter and brighter in our Temples and extend into the outer world in honor of our fraternity and for the benefit of the whole human race. May the Great Architect of the Universe bless our work to this end!"

Many congratulatory letters and telegrams were received and read, a collection for the poor and needy taken up, and the closing ceremonies followed after the brethren had formed the chain.

A novel custom has been introduced into this jurisdiction, every Lodge

being required to send an annual report of its work to the Grand Secretary. It is published in pamphlet form, with a statistical table showing the numerical strength of the members of each Lodge; also an increase or decrease, and further, the number of communications held and the kind of work performed at each of them. Some of these reports are more extensive than others, but there is no doubt that the new venture is a practical one and will meet with the approval of all interested parties.

In summarizing the work of the Frankfort Grand Lodge during the past Masonic year, and taking into consideration its prominent position amongst the German Grand Bodies, we are glad to say that this Craft still holds aloft the true standard of Freemasonry steadfast and fearless, the outspoken representative of our order; they have fought and will continue to battle for it, feeling that victory is sure to come and that they will be universally recognized in the end. In these endeavors we extend to our Eclectic brethren our best wishes for their success.

THE GRAND LODGE "ZUR EINTRACHT" (OF CONCORD), AT DARMSTADT, IN THE GRAND DUCHY OF HESSE.

Protector: His Royal Highness ERNST LUDWIG, Grand Duke of Hesse and bei Rhein.

Grand Master: BRO. PHILIP BRAND, at Mainz, Rheinstrasse 3½.

Deputy Grand Master: BRO. HERMANN WEBER, Dr. Jur.

Grand Secretary and Grand Archivist: BRO. FRIEDRICH ALEXANDER KRÄUTER, Mainz.

[All communications should be directed to the Grand Master and addressed, Director Brand, Mainz, Rheinstrasse 3½.]

Grand Treasurer: BRO. GEORGE KOLB, Mainz.

Mutual Representatives: Near the Grand Lodge of New York, BRO. HERMANN CANTOR; near the Grand Lodge "Zur Eintracht," BRO. HERMANN GEYGER, of Bingerbrück.

The Grand Lodge was organized March 22, 1846. According to its latest report, issued in 1900, it controls eight subordinate Lodges, with an active membership of 739 brethren, while the number of benevolent institutions within its jurisdiction amounts to sixteen.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of protocols Nos. 123 and 124, also copy of its roster for the period 1900-1902. Since our last report two regular meetings have taken place—one on April 29th (a. c.) in Mainz, and the other on October 21, 1900, in Darmstadt. At the former session of the Grand Lodge, matters principally of local interest were discussed and voted upon, and subjects referring to existing conditions in the German Craft, which had been fully ventilated during the last Diet of the Grand Lodges' Union. The only important event was the re-election of M. W. BRO. BRAND as Grand Master for the next two years, and we congratulate both this eminent brother upon the renewed expression of confidence in his sagacity and devotion to the interests of the Fraternity, and the Grand Lodge of Concord upon its wise selection, its destinies being in the hands

of a man who is always equal to any task before him. May he continue to guide our Hessian brethren for many years!

The Grand Master presided also at the second convention. After the opening of the session in ample form and the approval of the minutes of the last meeting, a communication from the Royal Protector of this jurisdiction was read, expressing the latter's sincere thanks for the letters of condolence forwarded to him on the occasion of the demise of two of the members of his noble family.

New elections in various subordinate Lodges have also changed the personnel of this Grand Body, and, in consequence, **BROS. KARL NIES** and **DR. MARTIN LORENZ** have ceased to be members of it. The presiding officer considered it his duty to recall the many services rendered by these brethren, especially by **BRO. NIES**, who, for almost twenty-three years, had participated in the work of the Grand Lodge; for sixteen years he had held the office of Secretary in the most satisfactory manner.

The request of the Executive Committee of the German Masonic Home (to be erected in Einbeck) to increase its fund: (a) By annual subvention; (b) By the endowment of free rooms for the reception of deserving brethren, did not meet with favor. The Grand Lodge had no funds available for such purposes, and nothing more could be done but comply with the last proposition on this question, the recommendation to the subordinate Lodges of their assistance to so deserving a Masonic Institution as the Hanoverian Home promises to be.

The Grand Master reported upon the work of the Diet of the Grand Lodges' Union, expressing the hope that the work mapped out would be carried to a successful conclusion, and, although he was somewhat pessimistic in his views regarding the ultimate outcome, he trusted that better results might be had than in former years under similar circumstances.

The new Grand Officers were elected by acclamation, **BRO. KOLB** succeeding **BRO. BÖMPER**, who had declined re-election on account of the impaired state of his health. **BRO. RAU** having taken the floor and having thanked **BRO. BRAND** for the important services rendered as presiding officer of this year's Diet, the convention adjourned with the usual ceremonies.

We state with pleasure that the Grand Lodge "Zur Eintracht" appears to be in excellent condition, both spiritually and materially, and that the friendly ties which unite us through the active representation of **BROS. CANTOR** and **GEYGER** remain also unchanged.

THE GRAND LODGE OF SAXONY, AT DRESDEN (Ostra Allee 15).

Grand Master: **BRO. BERNH. ARTHUR ERDMANN, M.D.**, Royal Medical Councillor, Ammonstrasse 15, II.

Deputy Grand Master: **BRO. THEOD. HULTZSCH**, President of the Chamber of Commerce.

Grand Lecturer (Reporter) and Grand Secretary of Correspondence: **BRO. EMIL KNOLL**, Secretary of the Royal Railroad, Ehrlichstrasse No. 20.

[All communications should be addressed to BRO. EMIL KNOLL, as above.]

Grand Archivist and Deputy Grand Secretary of Correspondence: BRO. F. E. HATTENIUS.

Mutual Representatives: Near the Grand Lodge of New York, BRO. CARL MOEBIUS; near the Grand Lodge of Saxony, BRO. OTTO HARLAN.

The Grand Lodge was organized on September 11, 1811, and consists at present of twenty-three subordinate Lodges, with a membership of 4,259 brethren. It controls one hundred and twelve benevolent institutions, an increase of thirty-one since our last report.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of Protocol Nos. 190 and 192: also a detailed membership list of the Saxon Grand Body issued during the present year (1900).

A fraternal communication addressed to the New York Representative of the Saxon Grand Body under date of August 25, 1900, was also duly received. We have noted its contents and made the necessary corrections as above stated. The errors complained of occurred through our not having been favored with direct protocols for a number of years, and having had to glean most of the details reported from indirect sources, causing, of course, some unavoidable inaccuracies. We are glad now to stand corrected and will endeavor to avoid errors in the future.

We learn from the printed minutes that the regular Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge took place on the third day of May, 1900, BRO. ERDMANN presiding. The business transacted, although touching upon ten different subjects, was principally of a local character and interest, with the one exception, that the By-laws for the Charity Fund of the Saxon Grand Body were discussed and accepted with slight alterations, as reported by the committee. This fund is especially for the assistance of Saxon soldiers, whose earning power has been impaired in consequence of injuries received in war; also for the families of those who lost their lives in the defence of their country's flag and honor. Should there be no applicants as described, the children of deceased or even living brethren may receive donations if circumstances warrant; also orphans in general, if found worthy and without help from other sources. The pecuniary assistance from this fund, however, for educational purposes or general support may not be granted for more than three years in advance, while general assistance is ordinarily limited to one year.

A timely warning was also given to the members of the Craft—to beware of clandestine Lodges and to be very careful that members of such should not gain admittance into duly constituted Lodges; to oppose especially, as much as possible, the so-called "Bismarck-Loge" in Dresden, it having no regular standing and not being recognized by the German Grand Lodges' Union.

Another session of the Grand Lodge was held on January 16, 1901, during which a motion to increase the dues of the subordinate Lodges from 12 to 15 or 20 marks for every twenty-five members was laid over for later consideration, it being deemed wise to consult the sentiments of the various Lodges regarding this proposition. At the same session, the report of the conference of the eight Grand Masters for a closer organiza-

tion of the German Grand Craft was read, in which hopes were expressed that the Saxon Grand Lodge would consent to a direct representation of the five so-called Independent Lodges. BRO. ERDMANN declared that the conditions had not changed since 1891, when the Diet of the German Grand Lodges declined to give direct representation to the five Lodges named, and that nothing had occurred for a reconsideration of this subject. He therefore maintained the same position taken by the Saxon brethren and trusted that in so doing he had voiced the prevailing sentiments. He regretted that the highly esteemed Lodges persisted in their isolation and that they had so far not seen their way clear to put themselves under the protection of one or the other present Grand Bodies.

The receipt of the Twenty-third Annual Report of the "German Masonic Temple Association"; also the souvenir of "German Pilgrim Lodge" No. 179, on the occasion of its Fiftieth Anniversary, is acknowledged in the list of communications received from Grand Lodges beyond the limit of the Fatherland.

The high position maintained by the Saxon Grand Body during the former years remains unchanged at the present time, and their good work in the Masonic field deserves the approbation of every member of the Fraternity at large.

THE GRAND LODGE "ZUR SONNE" (OF THE SUN), AT BAYREUTH (Hofgarten 19).

Grand Master: BRO. AUGUST VON RHEINHARDT, Major-General, Stuttgart.

Deputy Grand Master: BRO. JACOB KRÜCK.

Grand Secretary: BRO. GEORGE HEINRICH FISCHER, Karlstrasse 5.

Grand Archivist: BRO. AUGUST BENCKER.

The Lodge was founded on January 21, 1741, and organized as an Independent Grand Body on December 11, 1811. Its jurisdiction comprises one Provincial Grand Lodge (Norway), 32 subordinate Lodges, of which five are located in foreign countries, and ten Masonic Circles. Its sovereignty extends over 2,842 brethren, who have under their control fifty-two charitable institutions.

We regret to say that we have not received any protocols or direct communications from this jurisdiction, but we learn from its annual report, published in the second circular letter emanating from the Hessian Grand Lodge as the present representative of the German Grand Lodges' Union, that the regular convention of the Bavarian Grand Lodge took place on April 28th and 29th under the auspices of the Lodge "Wilhelm zur aufgehenden Sonne." The session was presided over by M. W. BRO. VON RHEINHARDT. He introduced the newly elected Deputy Grand Master, BRO. KRÜCK, who engaged to attend to the high office for which he was chosen, and pledged his best efforts, adding that all his acts would be governed by the strictest impartiality, without ever forgetting the well-being of the Grand Lodge. Before entering upon the business routine the presiding officer gave a short review of the present condition of Freemasonry in

Germany, especially the recent attempt to unite the German Craft as regards the underlying principles of the Order and the historical basis from which it developed. He also touched upon the union formed by the Grand Masters of the three Humanitarian Grand Lodges (Bayreuth, Frankfurt-on-Main, and Hamburg), and added that it was the aim of the so-called association of German Freemasons to effect an intimate co-operation of brethren, irrespective of the systems of the Grand Lodges from which they hailed. The presiding officer then imparted the sad news of the death of M. W. BRO. JULIUS BAYERLEIN, Honorary Grand Master, who had served the Fraternity faithfully during a long and honorable Masonic career. His name will ever remain prominent in the annals of the history of the Grand Body "Zur Sonne," of which he was the creditable leader for many years. The assembly honored the memory of the deceased by rising in silence, giving the customary sign of mourning in due and ancient form.

The following resolutions were passed practically without discussion:

- a. The next Annual Convention shall be held in Constanza.
- b. The creation of a Masonic organ for this jurisdiction, consisting of an official and a non-official part, the former containing the official notices and protocols of the Grand Lodge, and the latter the publication of Masonic lectures, discourses, and reports of the subordinate Lodges and general news. (The first number was issued on July 1, 1900, under the title "Zur Sonne.")
- c. Change of paragraph 18 of the Constitution, so that in case of the disability of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master to succeed to the prerogative of the office until the next regular convention. In case of a vacancy in one of the other Grand Lodge offices, the Council of the Administration is given power to fill the office, by appointment, until the next regular election.
- d. The re-printing of the new Hymn Book for the subordinate Lodges.
- e. The Grand Master is given power to select one member from the Committee on Discipline as referee for such matters as come before this tribunal, and also appoint a substitute in case a Lodge is interested in an appeal and the member happens to belong to such committee.
- f. Change of expressions in the Lodge Ritual in order to improve the language used.
- g. The reason of all subjects that are hereafter to come up before Grand Lodge meetings must be stated.

The request of the Masonic Circle "Albrecht Dürer," in Nürnberg, for a charter as a duly constituted Lodge, was granted and the new Lodge set to work on July 1, 1900, Grand Master BRO. VON RHEINHARDT, accompanied by his associate officers, conducting the ceremonies.

We note with pleasure that the same activity as of old prevails in the Lodges of our Bavarian brethren; that they hold fast to the fundamental tenets of Freemasonry, and that their progress is steady and marked, true to their symbol "The Sun," shedding light upon the path which they have laid out for the pursuit of their work and illuminating the temple of humanity with charity and love.

THE SYMBOLIC GRAND LODGE OF HUNGARY, AT BUDAPEST (VI Bezirk, Podmaniczkygasse 43).

Honorary Grand Masters: BRO. ANTON VON BEREZ, Director of the Royal Hungarian High School for Girls; BRO. GEORGE VON JOANNOVICS, former Secretary of State Department of Education; BRO. STEPHAN VON RAKOVSKY, President of the highest Department of Accounts; BRO. MARCEL NEUSCHLOSZ, Royal Councillor.

Grand Master: BRO. GEORGE VON JOANNOVICS.

Deputy Grand Masters: BRO. DR. BÉLA VON KATONA, Assistant District-Attorney; BRO. MARTIN MARTANFY, Royal Councillor and Managing Director of Industrial Schools; BRO. ADOLPH SCHERMANN, Head Physician of the County.

Grand Secretary: BRO. DR. IGNATZ FEKETE, Attorney-at-Law. Address for Correspondence, OTTO TRAUTMANN, Engineer, Budapest, VI. Podmaniczkygasse 45.

Grand Librarian: BRO. VIRGIL KOLTAI. (The library of the Grand Lodge is open every Wednesday and Saturday from 7 to 8 P.M.)

The Grand Lodge was founded on March 23, 1866, by an amalgamation of the St. John's Lodge and the Grand Orient of Hungary. In accordance with the latest statistics the jurisdiction comprises forty-five subordinate Lodges, with a membership of 3,073 active brethren.

We are in receipt and gratefully acknowledge the various numbers of the official organ of the Symbolic Grand Lodge, which is issued monthly respectively (bi-monthly during vacation time) under the title of "Orient" in the German language and that of "Kelet" in the Hungarian language. This Masonic journal has just completed the twenty-fifth year of its existence, and the accuracy of its reports both as to home and foreign matters deserves just commendation.

We have also before us a copy of the business transacted at last year's session of the Hungarian Grand Lodge which took place on March 31 and April 1, 1900. It also contains the financial accounts, according to which the budget of the Grand Lodge for the year 1900 was estimated at 39,800 kronen, which in itself shows the extent of their Masonic labors. The combined funds of the individual Lodges on December 31, 1899, amounted to 11,648 florins, while the special charities for the assistance of widows exceeded 19,000 florins. The total assets of the Symbolic Grand Lodge on the first day of January, 1900, footed up 266,482 florins, an amount commensurate to the scope and station of the Hungarian Craft.

The assiduity of our brethren "Cis- and Trans-Leitha" may be judged by the fact that at 737 meetings the First Degree was conferred, while at 66 Communications the Second Degree was worked, and on 55 occasions the sublime degree of Grand Master was exemplified. These exclude the additional activity of 566 Masonic Conferences and 25 Festive Communications. The libraries owned by 20 of the subordinate Lodges individually consist of a total of 13,731 volumes, all of which are at the constant disposal of the members for their instruction and entertainment.

The general progress of the Symbolic Grand Body may be noticed by the increase both in the number of Lodges and the membership, the former being augmented by two, and the latter summing up 3,073 against 3,039 at the end of the previous year.

The official affairs of this jurisdiction are managed by a standing committee called the "Bundesrath," of the principal Grand Officers and forty-eight members elected to serve in such capacity. The Grand Master, or, in his absence, one of his Deputies, presides over the deliberations of this body, which convenes once every month, except during the summer months.

The regular Communication of the Hungarian Grand Lodge took place on March 31 and April 1, 1900, under the presidency of Deputy Grand Master BRO. MARCEL NEUSCHLOSZ, when the following business programme was acted upon :

1. The proposition of the "Bundesrath," that no speaker should have the floor for more than ten minutes without special permission, was adopted.

2. The prerogative of the Grand Master, to veto the reception of a candidate into the Masonic Order, was extended up to the time of the initiation of such candidate.

3. The age limit for the reception of sons of Masons into the Fraternity was changed from eighteen to twenty-one years.

4. The representatives of the Lodge, "László Király," in Grosswardein, requested that their motion regarding the breaking of friendly relations with all Grand Bodies which make the religious confession of the applicant for membership in the order a condition "Sine qua non," should be put on the order of business and discussed, as the matter had only been left off the official programme in consequence of a formal mistake.

The assemblage agreed to discuss the proposition, and, after a lively debate, the following resolution was passed :

The Grand Lodge declares that she disapproves of the action of those Grand Bodies which discriminate between men respecting their creed, race, or nationality, making these a bar to the reception in the Masonic Fraternity, and that such position is not in accordance with the principles of Freemasonry.

The Deputy Grand Master, BRO. MARCEL NEUSCHLOSZ, having declined for personal reasons a re-election to the office which he had so ably filled, and insisting upon this decision, the Grand Lodge in recognition of the great services rendered to the Craft, elected him an Honorary Grand Master, as a token of their affection and esteem. BRO. NEUSCHLOSZ declared that although he laid down the gavel as one of the presiding officers, he would continue as a faithful member of the "Bundesrath" to show his willingness to promote the teachings of the order.

The attention of the "Bundesrath" having been called to the many International Conventions that would take place in Paris during the Exposition, it was decided that the thirty members of the Literary Committee should collect information regarding twenty-one of these congresses, inasmuch as the subjects to be treated by these Conventions were of a more or less Masonic character. The incidental expenses in connection with this work were cheerfully granted by the Finance Committee.

These are the twenty-one problems in the solution of which the Hun-

garian Masons showed a lively interest: Accidents to employees; mutual insurance to cover the same; an international co-operative alliance; anti-slavery; public charity; private charity; improvement of the position of the blind; public credit; public instruction; instruction in social science; position of women; privileges of women; participation in profits by employees; assistance to discharged criminals; prevention of poverty; co-operative associations for the buying and selling of victuals and provisions; improvement of the position of the deaf mutes; agricultural syndicates; national traditions; social colonization; congresses of peace.

It was further resolved to ask the Foreign Grand Bodies to instruct their members, if any were interested in one or the other of the subjects enumerated above and would therefore attend the respective conventions, to consider any question that might come up from a strictly Masonic point of view and also to answer the following three questions:

a. What degree of prosperity enjoys Freemasonry within your jurisdiction?

b. What direction should be followed in order to effect a more intense development of Freemasonry?

c. What is your opinion about the common work of International Freemasonry?

The replies to these questions and reports of the referees entrusted with the collection of information from the respective conventions were to be forwarded in any language to BRO. KARL MANDELLO, member of the "Bundesrath" who had fathered the above resolution.

The request of the Lodge "Humanitas" in Pozsony to help along its publication under the title of "Der Zirkel" (The Compass), was granted with the understanding that the tendencies of its organ be strictly in accordance with Masonic views and principles.

The Symbolic Grand Lodge of Spain, having chartered an irregular Lodge under the name of "Inviolabeles," within the Hungarian jurisdiction, the Deputy Grand Master made known to the "Bundesrath" and the Fraternity in general, that he had complained about the infringement to the Department of the Interior, and that proper steps had been taken to close their pseudo-Masonic gatherings.

At a meeting of the "Bundesrath" on the eighth day of October, 1900, presided over by Deputy Grand Master, BRO. ADOLPH SCHERMANN, the Grand Lecturer arraigned the Lodge László Király for having permitted political topics to be embodied within the scope of its criticism, especially by publishing a pamphlet under the title "Social Problem No. 1." Other discussions were also objected to, as not in accordance with Masonic rules and regulations, but before resorting to severe measures, the "Bundesrath" decided to ask the Lodge referred to, to reconsider the sentiments expressed in its publication and to submit explanations for such motions as are not in conflict with the spirit, by-laws, and constitution of the Fraternity; otherwise the Grand Lodge would be compelled to proceed against the offending brethren to the full extent of the law.

It seems that the steps taken regarding the international congresses bore good fruit, for at the meeting of November 5th, the Deputy Grand Master, BRO. DR. VON KATONA, reported that a number of brethren connected with public tuition and instruction had held a conference to consult

about the leading principles for the management of schools and the education of the young.

At the suggestion of its most prominent member, BRO. MARCEL NEUSCHLOSZ, the Budapest Lodge "Die Alten Getreuen" has put one more laurel to its fame and added another link to the long chain of its truly Masonic deeds. In the basement of its Masonic Temple, a station has been opened where all poor and indigent persons, upon application, were furnished with bread gratis, and on the first day for this distribution 4,700 portions of bread were given away, while at the end of January, a total of more than one-half million shares had been donated to alleviate misery and appease hunger. So highly was the action of the Budapest brethren commented upon by the Daily Press, that without any solicitation, in less than no time, 42,800 kronen were received from profane citizens for the purpose of continuing and enlarging this truly Masonic charity. Not since the erection of asylums by the Hungarian Craft to shelter those without a home has a success been achieved such as the distribution of free bread, and due credit should be given to the one mind who set an example well worth following.

There can be no question that Hungarian Freemasonry has kept up with the times, and that the beginning of the new century finds it still foremost in the ranks of those who carry the teachings of the Fraternity from the Lodge-room out into the wide world. No matter what obstacles may lie in its path, it pushes onward and forward, always mindful that it is the Mason's duty to promote light and knowledge, dispense charity and love, and disseminate through its never-ceasing efforts the great truth of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of men. We congratulate our Sister Grand Lodge upon the work that it has accomplished in the past, and we are sure that its future will be grander and more brilliant than its most ardent admirers hope and expect.

GRAND LODGE "ALPINA" OF SWITZERLAND, AT NEUCHÂTEL.

Grand Master: BRO. ED. QUARTIER-LA-TENTE, Councillor of State.

Deputy Grand Master: BRO. ALFRED-LOUIS JACOT.

Grand Secretary: BRO. P. E. BONJOUR, Professor at Neuchâtel.

Grand Archivist: BRO. LOUIS FREY, Vice-President of the Swiss Insurance Department in Berne.

Address of Grand Master: For letters: ED. QUARTIER-LA-TENTE, Councillor d'Etat, at Neuchâtel (Switzerland).

For Telegrams: Quartier Alpinaloge Neuchâtel (Switzerland).

Address of Grand Secretary: P. E. BONJOUR, Professor Neuchâtel (Switzerland).

Mutual Representatives: Near the Grand Lodge of New York, BRO. DR. BOSKOWITZ; near the Grand Lodge Alpina, BRO. ARNOLD SCHWYZER, in Zürich.

The Swiss Grand Body was founded on June 12, 1844. Its official

residence was changed this year from St. Gallen to Neuchâtel to remain until 1905, in accordance with the custom of the Grand Lodge to alternate its domicile every five years, in the German and French speaking portions of the country.

The number of subordinate Lodges has been increased to thirty-two, with a corresponding growth in membership, showing in April, 1900, a total of 3,287 brethren in good standing. The number of Masonic Circles appears unchanged—fifteen, as in our last report.

The official publication of this Grand Body continues as heretofore under the title of "Alpina, Organe Central de L'Union des Loges Suisses," and is printed both in German and French.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of Nos. 20, 21, and 22, also 23 of the old series, and Nos. 1 and 2 of the new series; also the report presented by the Grand Master to the Board of Administration of the Grand Lodge of Switzerland on the question relating to the International Masonic Office from its origin to the present date. We have also received, with thanks, a new list of the officers of the Grand Lodge and of the members constituting the Board of Administration of the Swiss Grand Body.

The Forty-eighth Convention of the Delegates of the Swiss Grand Lodge took place on June 23, 1900, at 4 P.M., when the brethren were called to order in the Temple of the Bâle Lodge "Zur Freundschaft and Beständigkeit" by M. W. BRO. HAUSMANN. After a short address of welcome and thanks for the hospitality extended by the Bâle brethren, the following business routine was attended to in the most harmonious manner:

1. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE GRAND MASTER.—This report states, that a number of contributions have been received by the Central Benevolent Fund from subordinate Lodges, and that with the money on hand and interest to be collected, the total amount would reach to 100,000 francs by January 1, 1901.

2. Annual Report for 1899 of the Board of Administration of the "Alpina," which is approved and put on record.

3. Report of the Committee on Accounts found in order and showing total funds in hand amounting to 79,053.65 francs.

4. The recommendation of the Board of Administration to continue the annual contribution of 3.50 francs per member for 1900 was favorably acted upon.

5. The election of a Committee on Accounts for 1900.

6. The motion to make obligations, signs, and passwords alike in all Swiss Lodges (a matter that had already come up at last year's meeting, and had been referred to a conference of presiding masters), was practically settled by the acceptance of the reports of the Masters' Conference, twenty-eight Lodges agreeing at once to the report of the committee, three desiring some changes. The three dissenting Lodges, however, accepted afterwards at the meeting of the Board of Administration, the majority having consented to some insignificant alterations to suit their views. A resolution was passed to inform the representatives of the "Alpina" abroad of these important changes.

7. Report of the Secretary of the Masonic Bureau of Information with the resolution to call the attention of Foreign Grand Bodies to this new institution, which had already done a great deal of practical good.

8. **RELATIONS WITH FOREIGN GRAND BODIES.**—Selection of BRO. DR. BOSKOWITZ as representative of the "Alpina" near the Grand Lodge of New York. Of the various requests for recognition from the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, the "Grande Loge de France in Paris," the "Supreme Council of Egypt," and the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, only the latter was favorably acted upon, the other requests being referred to the Board of Administration for investigation.

9. The power to appoint Foreign Representatives hereafter was conferred on the Board of Administration.

10. The election of Grand Master for the term of five years (1900-1905), BRO. QUARTIER-LA-TENTE receiving sixty-five votes and BRO. BOUVIER eighteen votes. The former having been duly elected, was formally introduced to the brethren and greeted with Masonic applause.

11. Drawing of thirty-five bonds of the "Lodge of Porrentray" for redemption.

12. Charitable collection in favor of the Central Benevolent Fund, which yielded 2,345 francs.

13. Election of Deputy Grand Master, BRO. A. L. JACOT, of Neuchâtel, receiving seventy-three votes out of a total of seventy-eight cast.

14. The election of thirteen members of the Council of Administration, which, in conjunction with the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, conducts the affairs of this jurisdiction, if the Grand Lodge is not in session.

15. **GENERAL MATTERS.**—Request of the new Council of Administration to consider the advisability of discontinuing the issue of printed membership lists.

On the following day a solemn and festive communication of the Grand Lodge was held in the large hall of the Casino, at Bâle, for the purpose of installing the newly elected Grand Lodge Officers, about 350 delegates of Swiss Lodges being present. Among the representatives of Foreign Grand Bodies, we note that the Grand Lodge of New York was represented by R. W. BRO. SCHWYZER.

M. W. BRO. HAUSMANN, assisted by his associate Grand Officers, opened the proceedings in ample form and welcomed the large number of brethren for the last time as presiding officer.

The minutes of yesterday's meeting having been read by the Grand Secretary and approved, the retiring Grand Master addressed the assembly, giving a short review of the work of the "Alpina" under his leadership, thanking every brother who had assisted him, and asking indulgence for any errors he might have committed. He observed that a great future was in store for the Swiss Fraternity, and he trusted he would live to see the "Alpina" an important factor in attaining the success of all humanitarian aims in the interest of the Swiss Republic. He concluded requesting the brethren to transfer the love and attachment they had shown for him to his successor, under whose guidance he hoped the development of the "Alpina" would proceed on sound and quiet lines. The Swiss Grand Lodge Alpina "vivat, floreat, crescat!"

The newly elected Grand Master, BRO. QUARTIER-LA-TENTE, was then conducted by the Grand Master of Ceremonies and accompanied by three Masters, to the front of the altar, where the retiring Grand Officer greeted

him with a hearty address and administered the oath in accordance with the constitution. After investment with the jewel of his exalted office, BRO. QUARTIER-LA-TENTE received the first gavel of the "Alpina," and was conducted to the Oriental chair, whence he delivered his inaugural address.

Prefaced by a few introductory remarks, the speaker developed his programme and discussed the following principles as fundamental in the Masonic Fraternity, and therefore declared it his duty to see that they were lived up to by every member of the Craft:

1. The maintenance of moral perfection as a basis of Masonic life—the only means for the cultivation of nobility of character as the crown and victory of life. In other words, never to forget the first Masonic teachings and to work on the rough ashlar until it becomes favorable material for use in the erection of the unseen Temple.

2. He expressed his intention to endeavor to sustain in the Cantons live and active Lodges, in which nothing is to exist but what is good, and from which, after every Communication, brethren emerge ready to fight in just battle and ready to inculcate to the profane world such ideas as are for the public welfare; in short, men who possess philanthropic hearts and who consider their Masonic work in so serious a light that they will not let any occasion pass without proclaiming the brotherhood of all human beings.

3. His endeavor to establish more and more intimate relations between all the Lodges forming the "Alpina."

4. Thoroughly convinced of the important mission of Swiss Masonry, to continue to work in connection with the Foreign Grand Bodies to make Masonic tendencies thoroughly understood in the profane world, advocating especially true tolerance and genuine work for the public good. To fearlessly try to improve present social conditions without forgetting that quiet and prudent work will bear better fruit than loud and violent actions.

In conclusion, the new Grand Master asked the brethren for their assistance, praying that the Great Architect of the universe might bless the holy cause in which they were engaged, they having consecrated to Freemasonry their hearts and their lives. The address was followed by continuous applause.

The retiring Grand Master took the floor next, and in a well-worded oration explained the final purpose and scope of the Royal Art. He pointed out that neither the state nor religious confessions could take the place of Masonry, for the state did not consider the individual, but Masonry would take up every one of its disciples and improve his personality in accordance with its principles. On the other hand, Masonry considers every man irrespective of his station, position, rank, belief, and politics. Contrary to religion, Masonry regards every one as a member of the human chain, and tries to raise him to the high plane of perception, from which all human beings appear as his brethren and he himself responsible for their well-being. He thus proved the necessity of the Masonic order, and proved that it could not be replaced by either state, church, school, or society. Having finished his address, BRO. HAUSMANN proceeded in proper form to bring the meeting to a close.

At the various sittings of the Council of Administration during the past Masonic year, very few matters of general interest were considered that

were not also touched upon by the proceedings of the Annual Convention of the Grand Lodge. The following extracts may, however, be quoted from the protocols of the governing board:

The text of a new Masonic hymn book was approved and an edition of 1,500 copies printed.

A practical innovation was introduced by the new management of the "Alpina" in a resolution to transmit all circular letters and protocols to the Grand Representatives abroad, and also forward copies thereof direct to the Grand Lodge near which they are located, in order that such publications be more promptly received by the Masonic authorities for whom they are intended.

Article VII. of the By-laws of the Central Benevolent Fund provides that no disbursements be made before the fund shall have reached the sum of 100,000 francs. The Grand Master was happy to report to the Council of Administration on November 19, 1900, that this sum had been reached, and that, therefore, the charitable donations could be made after January 1, 1901, in accordance with the rules and regulations adopted.

In accordance with the report presented by the Grand Master of the Board of Administration of the "Alpina" on the question relating to the creation of an International Office for Masonic relations, the following circular has been received, asking what position our Grand Lodge would feel disposed to take on the subject and requesting an early reply to six distinct questions in reference to it. The circular reads as follows:

THE GRAND LODGE OF SWITZERLAND ALPINA TO THE M. W. GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK, N. Y.

M. W. Brother: All the International Masonic Congresses held hitherto (Paris, 1889; Antwerp, 1894; The Hague, 1896; Paris, 1900) have expressed the opinion that it would be desirable to find means for establishing a mutual understanding amongst the Masonic Lodges of the Globe with a view to an efficacious co-operation of Freemasonry throughout the world.

The first question set up for discussion at the International Masonic Congress held at Paris in August, 1900, was worded as follows:

"The establishment of continuous relations between the different Masonic Powers of the Globe, irrespective of their denomination or their Rite, with a view to their mutual support in the research of scientific, philosophical, and sociological truths."

The discussion of this question resulted in the adoption of the following resolution:

"The International Masonic Congress, assembled at Paris in 1900, *considering* the urgency of establishing lasting relations between all Freemasons, irrespective of their denomination or their Rite, *resolves*

"1. To establish a permanent committee composed of delegates of all the assenting Masonic Powers.

"2. To request the Grand Lodge of Switzerland 'Alpina' to take the lead in organizing such a committee and to fix its seat on the territory of the Swiss Confederation."

The Board of Administration of the Grand Lodge of Switzerland "Alpina," at their meeting of November 17, 1900, decided to accept this mission and to use all of their endeavors in order to justify the confidence placed in them; at the same time they resolved to confine themselves to the work of collecting declarations of assent from the Grand Lodges and to begin by founding a provisory International Office for Masonic relations which, for the present, would be charged merely with the collection of all information relating to this important question.

The definitive organization of this International Office will be submitted to a Congress to be held later on and at which the assenting Masonic Powers will be represented by their delegates.

It is clearly understood that the International Office will not in any way interfere with the autonomy of the Grand Lodges, which is to remain absolutely intact, but that it will have to serve merely as a connecting link between the divers Masonic groups, having in view the development of universal brotherhood.

We need not point out the incontestable usefulness of this means for rallying the Grand Lodges of the whole world, seeing that in reality they all have the same ends in view. Besides this, the proposed office would prove useful in collecting and in supplying much interesting information about Masonry in different countries and would thus, to a great extent, facilitate the relations between the Masonic Lodges of the world. We should think that all Masons will gladly welcome an opportunity for knowing and understanding each other better and for strengthening the ties which have always united them. It will be a glorious day when these ties will have assumed actual shape and when the sources of light, now spread all over the globe, being in constant contact with each other, will be able, at a given moment, to concentrate themselves in a common and powerful manifestation of warmth and life.

We therefore appeal to the brotherly feelings which already unite our manifold associations, and request you to examine carefully the following questions and to reply to them *as soon as possible*:

1. Would your Grand Lodge be disposed to assent to the proposal of creating a *permanent International Office* in the style of the International Office for the postal service or of other International Offices of the same description, for the purpose of establishing lasting relations between the Grand Lodges of the Globe?
2. *On what conditions would your assent depend?*
3. Would you be disposed to take part, either by correspondence or by delegates, in a Congress which would be prepared to study this question?
4. What *time* would suit you best for such a convocation?
5. What is the *number of Lodges* belonging to your Grand Lodge?
6. What is the *number of Masons* appertaining to your Grand Lodge?

The Board of Administration of the Grand Lodge of Switzerland "Alpina" will reserve to a general discussion of the assenting Masonic Powers all questions relating to the details of the organization of the International Office as well as to the means to be employed by the same for attaining its purpose. Your assent would therefore not become valid but after an understanding has been obtained at the proposed Congress.

We trust that our appeal will meet with a favorable reception by your M. W. Grand Lodge, and remain, with all greetings,
Very fraternally yours,

For the Grand Lodge of Switzerland Alpina :

The Grand Master, ED. QUARTIER-LA-TENTE.

The Deputy Grand Master, ALFRED-LOUIS JACOT.

The Grand Secretary, PAUL-EMILE BONJOUR.

The Grand Chaplain, EUGENE BOREL.

The Grand Treasurer, CARL RUSS-SUCHARD.

Neuchâtel, Switzerland, November 17, 1900.

As we have been unable to get a full list of all the Grand Lodges of the world, we earnestly request to be informed by any Grand Lodge who may not have received the present communication.

Kindly address your reply to MR. P-EMILE BONJOUR, Professeur, Rue Coulon 12, Neuchâtel (Suisse).

There is no doubt, that the matter will claim the attention of our Grand Lodge at its next communication and their reply will not be delayed.

While going to press, we are in receipt of a complete report by our esteemed R. W. Representative BRO. ARNOLD SCHWYZER, of the principal events and changes that took place within the "Alpina" during the past Masonic year. We would have been pleased to translate the same verbatim for the benefit of the Craft, but the lateness of its arrival prevents our doing so. We mention, however, his explanation of the work performed by the Masonic Bureau of Information, the intent of which being to assist members of Swiss Lodges and the widows of the deceased brethren in placing their sons and daughters in such institutions and families in which Masonic ideas prevail. Every member of a Swiss Lodge can use the Bureau; it may also be used by any member's friends, even those not belonging to the Fraternity. The services of the Bureau are rendered free of charge, but persons making use of them must pay for advertisements published at their request in the "Alpina" or other newspapers. Other expenses are borne by the Lodge, and each Lodge or all the Lodges of one city form a so-called "office of information." These various offices keep a list of the schools and other educational institutions within their district; also a record of boarding-houses and families suitable and willing to board young men. Each office takes care of all applications for positions, or for board and lodging, as the case may be. Any complaints from persons placed through the Bureau are investigated, and, if well-founded, steps are taken for reformation.

BRO. SCHWYZER also enclosed a circular issued by the Board of Administration, under the title "Instructions for Deputy Masters of the Swiss Lodges," containing several rules for the guidance of such officers, especially as regards making the relations between the Grand Lodge and Subordinate Lodges, and amongst the latter themselves, more close and intimate, and thus practically report upon all the important occurrences within their Lodges.


In conclusion, we are grateful to BRO. SCHWYZER for his hearty congratulations upon the beginning of the new year and his good wishes for

our Grand Lodge, and assure him that we sincerely reciprocate his feelings.

An important era has just closed in the history of Swiss Freemasonry, for the progress of the "Alpina" under the eminent leadership of M. W. C. F. HAUSMANN has been so marked and distinct that it can never be obliterated from the pages of its record; and it is well to remark that the new century is also dawning auspiciously for the same Grand Body, there being a brother at the helm who will guide the destinies of our Swiss brethren with a firm hand, thorough competence, and a charitable disposition, conscious of his responsibilities and possessing a clear perception of Masonic duties. There is no doubt that the work so well conducted by his predecessor will be continued in the future, and in this sense we congratulate M. W. BRO. QUARTIER-LA-TENTE upon his election, and extend him our sincere wishes for the success he justly deserves.

GRAND LODGE OF DENMARK, AT COPENHAGEN (Klaerkegade 2).

Protector: HIS MAJESTY KING CHRISTIAN IX.

Grand Master  of the Order: HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS BRO. CHRISTIAN FREDERICK WILHELM CARL, Prince of Denmark (Vicarius Salomonis).

Grand Master: HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS BRO. HANS, Prince of Schleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg-Glücksburg.

Deputy Grand Master: HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS BRO. CHRISTIAN, Prince of Denmark.

Grand Secretary and Address: BRO. RASMUS OELLGARD NIELSEN, Copenhagen, Havnegade 3.

Mutual Representatives: Near the Grand Lodge of New York, BRO. EDWARD M. EHLERS; near the Grand Lodge of Denmark, BRO. JENS PETER AASTRUP.

The jurisdiction was established November 16, 1858. It comprises 1 Provincial Grand Lodge (Odense), 2 St. Andrew's, and 10 St. John's Lodges, also 15 Lodges of Instruction, with a total membership of 4,216 brethren.

No protocols or direct communications have reached us from the Danish Grand Body, but we note from the current Masonic literature, that the peace and harmony which united the Danish Craft with the other prominent Grand Lodges of Europe have been severely shaken by the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, which, upon the application of fifteen brethren in Copenhagen, had granted a charter for a subordinate Lodge under the name of "Christian til Palmetræet," in spite of the protestations of the highest Danish Masonic Tribunal, which pointed out very properly that it would have been the duty of the brethren who desired a charter first to apply to the Grand Lodge of Denmark. In consequence of this invasion of the jurisdiction, contrary to all Masonic laws, the fraternal relations with the Hamburg Grand Lodge were immediately broken off and their representa-

tive recalled. Following the example, the Grand Lodges of Norway and Sweden have also put themselves on record as thoroughly resenting the action of the Hamburg Grand Body, and have likewise broken off their Masonic intercourse with the latter jurisdiction.

It is to be regretted that the Hamburg Grand Lodge cannot be prevailed upon to respect the territorial rights of Foreign Grand Bodies, and while it may have served the German Craft in one direction or another, its methods rarely seem to meet with the approval of those Masonic authorities, to live in peace and friendship with whom should be its principal aim.

If the Grand Lodge of New York had not many years ago for a similar offense on the part of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg severed all friendly relations therewith, it would undoubtedly have followed in the footsteps of Norway and Sweden in the disapproval of this most unfraternal act, taking the same action as that taken by the Grand Lodges of America, when the Grand Lodge of Hamburg invaded the territory of New York in establishing Subordinate Lodges therein.

Every Masonic jurist must resent the step taken by the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, and we trust that ere long the latter will understand that Masonic expansion is only desirable if the same can be had without infringing of the privileges of neighboring jurisdictions, and that the psalmist's saying, "How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in Unity," applies not only to individual members of the Craft, but also to the Grand Lodges themselves.

GRAND LODGE OF SWEDEN, AT STOCKHOLM (Blasieholmen No. 6).

Grand Master *J* of the Order: HIS MAJESTY BRO. OSCAR II., King of Sweden and Norway.

Grand Master: HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS BRO. OSCAR GUSTAV ADOLF, Crown Prince of Sweden and Norway, Duke of Wermland.

Governor of the Order: BRO. PRINCE OSCAR CARL AUGUST BERNADOTTE.

Deputy Governor of the Order: HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS BRO. OSCAR CARL WILHELM, Hereditary Prince of Sweden and Norway.

Chancellor of the Order: BRO. E. EDHOLM, M.D.

Grand Secretary: BRO. S. H. B. SVENNSEN. Address: DR. PHIL SVENNSEN, Frimurarelogen.

Grand Archivist and Librarian: DUKE BRO. O. FROLICH, Royal Chamberlain.

Mutual Representatives: Near the Grand Lodge of New York, HIRAM L. HUTCHENS; near the Grand Lodge of Sweden, A. F. H. KLINTBERG, Rear Admiral of the Royal Swedish Navy.

The Grand Lodge (IX. Province) was established in 1760 from a St. John's Lodge founded in 1731. It is sovereign over four provincial Grand Lodges (Kristianstad, Goteborg, Linköping, Karlstad), 12 St. Andrew's


Lodges, and 21 St. John's Lodges, with a total membership of 10,985 brethren.

No transactions are published from this Grand Orient, but only the so-called "Matrikel öfver Frimurare Ordens," the latest issue of which (1900) shows the following distribution of its membership:

The Highest Council of the Order consists of 27 brethren; the X. Degree foots up 275, the IX. Degree 616; the VIII. Degrees 1,799; the VII. Degree 742, the VI. Degree 1,645, the IV. and V. Degrees 745; the III. Degree 2,075; the II. Degree 1,093, and the I. Degree 1,968 brethren.

The three St. John's Degrees therefore show a total membership of 5,316, the three Scotch Degrees 2,390, and the Highest Degrees 3,459 active members.

THE GRAND LODGE OF NORWAY, AT CHRISTIANIA.

Grand Master  of the Order: His Majesty BRO. OSCAR II., King of Norway and Sweden.

Grand Master: His Royal Highness BRO. OSCAR GUSTAV ADOLF, Crown Prince of Norway and Sweden.

Deputy Grand Master: BRO. CATO MAXIMILLIAN GULDBERG, M.D., Ph.D.

Grand Chancellor: BRO. THORVALD MEYER.

Grand Secretary: BRO. AUGUST C. MOHR, Ph.D.

Assistant Secretary and Address: BRO. THEODORE HANSEN, Prof., Dahls Gade 3.

Mutual Representatives: Near the Grand Lodge of New York, BRO. CHARLES F. LAUGHTON; near the Grand Lodge of Norway, BRO. ANTON LUDWIG THUNE-LARSEN.

The Grand Lodge (X Province) was established May 10, 1891. It consists of two St. Andrew's and seven St. John's Lodges. Like its sister the Swedish Grand Orient, the Norwegian Grand Body does not publish any protocols of its sessions, but only prints a Masonic Directory styled "Mortrikel over Frimurer-Ordenens Xde Provins." According to the last number of this membership list, the total number of active Masons amounted to 2,836, of which 1,707 brethren represented the Blue Lodges, and 1,129 the Higher Degrees. There appears to be an increase of two in the number of Lodges, and an addition of about one hundred and four in the total membership, as compared with last year's figures.

THE GRAND ORIENT OF BELGIUM, AT BRUSSELS.

National Grand Master: BRO. HOUZEAU DE LEHAIE, Professor, Member of the Chamber of Representatives.

Deputy Grand Master: BRO. GUSTAVE ROYERS.

Grand Secretary : BRO. EM. VAN DRIESCHE.

Deputy Secretary : BRO. VAN DER VIN.

Address of the Grand Orient : M. RIAN-NEDGROT, 8 Rue de Persil, Brussels.

Mutual Representatives : Near the Grand Lodge of New York, BRO. TIMOTHY M. CHEESMAN ; near the Grand Orient of Belgium, BRO. ALBERT J. KRÜGER, of Antwerp.

The Grand Lodge was founded February 25, 1831, and has absolute control over the three symbolic degrees which are worked in eighteen Blue Lodges. We have received Volume No. 3 and No. 4 of the bulletin published by this Grand Body during the past Masonic year (A. L., 5,899), and learn from its perusal that the regular session of the Grand Lodge was held on the third day of October, 1899, under the direction of the Grand Master. The minutes of the previous convention were read and approved and the annual password communicated to the brethren after they had formed the chain, as is done in some other foreign jurisdictions ; for instance, Switzerland, where the password is changed every year and is given out at the regular session of the Grand Body.

The proper tribute of respect was paid by the presiding officer to those brethren who had entered the Eternal Rest, and an obituary recalling their Masonic careers was pronounced by BRO. HOUZEAU DE LEHAIE.

The presentation of the first representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada near the Grand Lodge of Belgium was greeted with applause, as was also the introduction of the new representative of the Grand Lodge of Norway. The exchange of representatives with the Grand Lodges of Maine, Montana, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick also met the unqualified approval of the Belgian Grand Body, and several brethren to fill these honorary positions were duly nominated.

The request of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia for recognition having been referred to and favorably reported upon by the Committee on Law, was granted ; while on the other hand, a similar proposition on the part of the Grand Orient in Milan was not acted upon, but held in abeyance pending further inquiries.

The Grand Master further reported that BRO. F. KRUGER had embarked for the United States in order to represent the Grand Orient of Belgium at the memorial exercises held by the Grand Lodge of Virginia on the occasion of the Washington centennial.

For the purpose of a more uniform application of the Ritual in the Belgian Lodges, a committee was appointed to report upon the subject at a future session of the Grand Body.

Other subjects of a more or less domestic character had the attention of the Executive Body of the Belgian Craft, which appears to be in a flourishing and progressive condition. This is particularly evidenced from the publication of the excellent discourses held in the Lodges upon such subjects as lie within, and touch upon, the Masonic sphere on one side, and on generally instructive lectures on the other, for the purpose of enlightening the Fraternity upon topics, the knowledge of which will bear upon their well-being and that of their fellow-men. In this connection we mention the following titles of drawings upon the trestle-board of

various Lodges: Human elevation; labor unions; work as a medicine; the moral and religious situation in Turkey; the eclipses of the sun and moon; progress and conclusions of religious science; locomotion by electricity; anti-Semitism through all the ages; the money question; compulsory education and universal suffrage; means of preventing accidents on railroads; the origin of Freemasonry; the erection of sanatoriums for consumptives in order to prevent its spreading by contagion, etc.

We can hardly make a mistake in estimating the lofty standard of our Belgian brethren by the work which we have just characterized, for it proves conclusively how they live up to the tenets of the Order in their best form and how they follow the lines indicated by a true Masonic spirit. Our best wishes for the future!

THE GRAND ORIENT OF THE NETHERLANDS, AT THE HAGUE (Fluweelen Burgwal, No. 22).

Grand Master: BRO. C. VAN VISSER, Banker, Amsterdam.

Deputy Grand Master: BRO. TACO HENNY, LL.D.

Grand Secretary: BRO. J. ISABEE MOENS, Rotterdam.

Deputy Grand Secretary and Address: BRO. J. BOUDEWIJNSE, Ballistraat, 66, at The Hague.

Grand Archivist and Librarian: BRO. E. BARENBOEK.

The Grand Lodge was established December 25, 1756. It comprises 93 Lodges, of which 53 are domiciled in Europe, 15 in East India, and 28 in the West Indies. The total membership of the European brethren foots up 2,807, that in East India 780, and in the West Indies 84. The number of brethren in South Africa represented about 1,000, but owing to the Boer War, some of the Lodges in that territory had to be temporarily or permanently closed, and the number of brethren has surely been somewhat reduced. We therefore believe that the estimate of 4,260 represents the strength of the Dutch Craft at the present writing.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the "Bulletin van het Nederlandsch Groot-Oosten," 24th annual edition (two volumes), and learn from its contents that on May 24, 1900, the Amsterdam Lodge "Post Nubila Lux" celebrated the Fiftieth Anniversary of its foundation, an occasion made memorable by the sisters who presented the Lodge with a new and beautifully embroidered banner. It might be interesting to note that originally this Lodge was not recognized by the Dutch Grand Body, as it declined to acknowledge the Higher Degrees and recognized as the only Masonic basis the natural religion. It was not until September 26, 1886, that it was received under the protection of the Dutch Grand Body.

The Annual Convention of this Grand Lodge took place on June 17, 1900, in the presence of 134 delegates, representing 62 Lodges. Upon motion of the Grand Master, the assembly regretted the existence of the war in South Africa and expressed the hope that peaceable conditions would soon follow.

It was also reported that the catalogue of the "Kloss Library" had been printed and that the index for the same was being re-arranged.

A lengthy discussion ensued concerning an addition to the general constitution, which should explain how the members of the Craft were trying to practically carry out the aims and principles of Freemasonry. The motion was finally carried with 99 votes against 36.

M. W. Grand Master, BRO. C. VAN VISSER, was unanimously re-elected for another term in just recognition of his able and faithful services to the Craft.

The "Jaarboekje voor Nederlandsche Vriemetselaren," published annually for the benefit of the so-called "Louisen-Stiftung," the most prominent Masonic charity controlled by this jurisdiction, has been arranged as in former years and contains the most important items of Masonic news likely to interest the Dutch Craft. We note that the income of the "Louisen-Stiftung" during the last year amounted to 13,158 florins, while the expenses represented 15,129 florins. Other benevolent funds under the management of this Grand Orient have also furnished relief to many widows and orphans and contributed to alleviate their pitiable condition. There is no doubt that our Dutch brethren have a high conception of the Masonic aims and duties of our brotherhood.

THE GRAND ORIENT OF ITALY, AT ROME (Palazzo Giustiniani, Primo Piano).

Grand Master of the Order: BRO. ERNESTO NATHAN.

Deputy Grand Master of the Order: BRO. ETTORE FERRARI.

Bureauchef: BRO. ULISSE BACCI, Giustiniani, Primo Piano, Editor of the "Revista della Massoneria Italiana," the only official Masonic organ of Italy.

Grand Master of the Symbolic Rite: BRO. NUNZIO NASI, Palazzo Giustiniani.

Grand Master of the Scottish Rite: BRO. ADRIANO LEMMI, at Rome via Nazionale, No. 54.

Grand Secretary: BRO. ANTONIO CEFALY, Palazzo Giustiniani.

The Orient was founded in 1803, reorganized in 1861 and 1864, and in 1867 became the United Supreme Masonic Body. Its jurisdiction extends over 185 subordinate Lodges, of which 36 are located in foreign countries, such as Roumania, Tripoli, Egypt, South Africa, and China. The Council of the Order, the only and supreme authority for all Masonic systems in Italy, consists of 44 members, of which 29 are elected by the general assembly and 15 are appointed by the Grand Officers. Only such Masonic Diplomas are legal and valid as are issued by authority of the Council.

No communications from this Orient were received. We are therefore practically without material upon which to base a report. We record, however, the action taken by the Italian Freemasons on account of the assassination of the late King HUMBERT I., proclaiming in unmeasured terms their contempt and abhorrence of this crime. The Grand Lodge

also appealed to the members of the Craft to foster national pride, and to educate the anarchistic classes so that they will understand that regicide cannot change political conditions. In further expression of their sympathy, the Italian Grand Lodge sent a telegram to the Prime Minister SARACO, condemning the violation of law, which deprived Italy of a most philanthropic ruler, who guided its destinies in the ways of peace, tranquillity, and natural progress for so many years; and it also extended at the same time its sincere sympathy to the Royal family. A Lodge of Sorrow was held by the brethren in Turin, and a resolution was passed to decorate the grave of the deceased in a manner befitting his character, station, and excellence as a man and sovereign.

THE GRAN DIETA SIMBOLICA DE LAS ESTADOS UNIDOS MEXICANOS, AT MEXICO.

Grand Master: BRO. MANUEL LEVI.

Grand Secretary: FELIX M. IGLESIAS.

Mutual Representatives: Near the Grand Lodge of New York, BRO. JAMES M. DE GARMO; near the Grand Lodge of Mexico, FREDERICK E. YOUNG.

The Gran Dieta was founded in 1890, by the amalgamation of the Grand Orient and the Supremo Consejo of Mexico. According to last year's report, it controls about 225 subordinate Lodges, with a membership approximating 22,000 brethren.

We have not been favored, as in previous years, with the official organ of the Mexican Grand Lodge, the "Boletin Masonico," which used to be issued in monthly pamphlets under the supervision of BRO. EUSEBIO SANCHEZ—this in explanation of our inability to report upon the present status of Masonic conditions in Mexico. There exists also a Supreme Council of Mexico, 33°, which dates its origin back to December 31, 1860. Its Honorary Commander is the President of the Mexican Republic, BRO. PORFIRIO DIAZ, who is assisted by BRO. JESÚS ALONZO FLORES, Active Grand Commander, and BRO. JOSÉ DE LA PAZ ALVAREZ, his Grand Secretary.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the "Boletin Anual" of this latter Scotch Rite Grand Body, which contains its transactions, general constitution, and financial exhibits.

THE GRAND LODGE OF THE REPUBLIC OF PERU, AT LIMA.

Grand Master: BRO. DR. ARTURO-EGO AGUIRRE, Apartado 178.

Deputy Grand Master: BRO. FREDERICK L. CROSBY.

Grand Secretary: BRO. BENJAMIN CHOZA.

The Grand Lodge was founded in 1831 and reorganized in 1852. The

number of active Lodges at present consists of 16, of which 13 are located in Peru, 1 in Chili, and 2 in Ecuador.

We regret to say that we have received no protocols or direct communications during the last twelve months, and are, therefore, unable to publish any particulars about the status of our Peruvian brethren.

THE GRAN LOGIA SOBERANA DE PUERTO RICO, AT SAN JUAN, PORTO RICO.

Grand Master: CARLOS B. MELTZ, Tetuan, 40.

Deputy Grand Master: JOSÉ FRANCISCO DIAZ.

Grand Secretary: FREDERICO YUMET, Puerta de Tierra.

Grand Treasurer: EDUARDO LOPEZ CEPERO.

Mutual Representatives: Near the Grand Lodge of New York, PHILIP M. NAST, JR.; near the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico, BRO. CARLOS B. MELTZ.

The jurisdiction comprises eleven subordinate Lodges, of which three are located in the Capital, San Juan.

We are in receipt of Nos. 9 to 17 of the "Boletín Oficial," the regular publication of this jurisdiction, issued monthly and containing in detail the business transacted in the subordinate Lodges, as well as circular letters and proclamations issued from the offices of the Grand Master or Grand Secretary. We have also before us the year book (Anuario) of 1900, containing the protocols of the quarterly sessions of the Grand Lodge, the annual reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and a detailed list of members of the Porto Rican Craft, which shows a total membership of 396 active Master Masons. The financial exhibit shows also a satisfactory status of this young Orient, the income having exceeded the expenditures by over \$100.

As a frontispiece, the annual report shows a well-executed lithograph of CARLOS B. MELTZ, the Presiding Grand Master, a man who so thoroughly understands the quintessence of Freemasonry, that the brethren under his supervision cannot fail to make their mark in Masonic history.

THE GRAND LODGE OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA.

Grand Master: BRO. JUAN HERNANDEZ BERREIRO, Secretary of the Department for Public Education, Jesús María 20.

Deputy Grand Master: BRO. JOSÉ FERNANDEZ PELLON.

Grand Secretary: BRO. AURELIO MIRANDA, Amargura 30, Habana.

President of the Committee of Foreign Relations: FRANCISCO DE P. RODRIGUEZ, Estrella 20, Habana.

We are greatly indebted to our Cuban brethren for the "Anuario" of 1899-1900 of their Grand Lodge, and are pleased to note that after the

close of the war, the jurisdiction shows signs of new life and normal development.

The Grand Lodge was originally founded in 1859, but experienced many changes. It is sovereign over all Lodges working in the Isle of Cuba and consists at present of 37 subordinate Lodges, with a membership of about 1,200 brethren. The territory is divided into five Masonic Districts, each presided over by a Deputy Grand Master, which latter reside in the following cities: Pinar del Rio, Havana, Matanzas, Santa Clara, and Santiago de Cuba.

The financial condition shows expenses to the extent of about \$2,000 and a net surplus at the end of the Masonic year of \$300. Six new Lodges have been established, and it is predicted that ere long every Cuban city will have at least one Masonic Lodge.

The jurisdiction is recognized by and entertains close relations with representatives of most of the prominent American and European Masonic Grand Bodies, including the German Grand Lodges' Union.

It must be conceded that with the return of peaceable conditions on the Island, the Cuban Grand Body has recovered its old-time prestige, and we extend to the same our fraternal greetings.

THE SUPREMO CONSEJO Y GRAN ORIENTE PARA LA REPUBLICA ARGENTINA, IN BUENOS AIRES.

Grand Master: LIBORIO BERNAL.

Deputy Grand Master: BRO. DR. SERVANDO GALLEGOS.

Grand Treasurer: BRO. JUAN A. AGUIRRE.

Minister of the Interior: JOSÉ C. SOTO.

This Grand Lodge was organized in 1895 by the amalgamation of the Gran Oriente Argentino, the Gran Logia Simbolica, and the Supremo Consejo. It comprises 23 Lodges.

We have received with thanks Nos. 9, 10, 11, and 12 of the "Revista Masonica," the official organ of the Argentine Grand Body, containing many data of interest regarding the status of Freemasonry within that South American Republic. The total income of this jurisdiction during 1899 amounted to \$14,735, while the expenses footed up \$14,105, leaving a balance on hand at the beginning of the new year of \$630. These figures prove conclusively that the interest in Masonic work in our southern hemisphere is by no means abating. We regret that the communications do not furnish us with any data as to the numerical strength of this Grand Body, but we judge by its income and expenditures that its membership must represent a respectable legion of Masonic workers.

THE GRAND LODGE OF ROUMANIA, AT BUCHAREST.

We have been favored with a number of the publication inscribed "Romania Masonica," which styles itself a moral, literary, and scientific

review, issued as an independent organ of Roumanian Masonry. It contains some essays of Masonic items, also some news from other Masonic jurisdictions.

Our inquiries regarding the "Marea Logie Nationale at Bucharest" have resulted only in ascertaining that an application for recognition made by the Grand Lodge of Hamburg was unfavorably acted upon by the latter jurisdiction, as the elements constituting the Roumanian Grand Body have been found to be of too uncertain a character.

THE GRAND LODGE OF EGYPT, AT CAIRO.

Honorary Grand Master: BRO. HUSSEIN FAKHRY PASHA, Minister of Justice.

Grand Master: BRO. IDRIS RAGHEB, Judge of the Court of Natives.

I. Deputy Grand Master: BRO. DARWISH BEY SID AHMED.

II. Deputy Grand Master: BRO. ABDEL KADY BEY CHECKIB.

Grand Secretary: BRO. NAHLE BEY SAKLEH.

The Grand Lodge was founded in 1876, and comprises 19 Subordinate Lodges, with about 200 members. Eleven Lodges are located in the city of Cairo. The address is: A la Grand Lodge National d'Egypte, Boite Spéciale No. 148 La Caire.

We have before us a circular letter issued by the Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree in Alexandria under date of January 31, 1901, in which the Council declares that they can recognize as the only lawful Grand Master of the National Grand Lodge of Egypt, BRO. PRINCE MOHAMED-ALY PASHA, a son of a former Grand Master, called the Khedive Mehemed Tewfick Pasha, who is designated as a reformer and high protector of Egyptian Freemasonry.

We are not familiar enough with African Masonic affairs to decide this intricate dispute without additional information upon the subject.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Grand Orient of Greece, at Athens (University Street, 53a).

Grand Master: BRO. N. DAMASCHINO, Professor and Attorney-at-Law.

Deputy Grand Masters: BRO. F. SERPIERI and BRO. TH. N. PHLOGAITIS.

Grand Secretary: NICOLAS PHILON, negt. agent de bateaux, Le Pirée, Greece.

Grand Secretary: BRO. A. E. VRYSAKIS.

The Grand Lodge was founded July 22, 1897, by a combination of the Grand Orient of Greece (1872) and the Supreme Council, thirty-third degree, in 1895. It is sovereign over nine Symbolic Lodges and three Chapters, with a total membership of about 2,000 active Masons.

No printed or written communications have been received.

Suprême Conseil Maçonnique, Chef d'Ordre in the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg.

Grand Master: BRO. JOSEPH JUNCK.

Deputy Grand Master: BRO. JULES GODCHAUX.

Grand Secretary: BRO. EUGENE LANG. Address: Care of Mr. FRÉCIORI DE FONTECO, Rue de la Loge, Luxemburg.

The central authority is vested in the Supreme Council, which was established September 7, 1849. The jurisdiction is the smallest one known and is composed of but one Lodge, "Les Enfants de la Concorde Fortifiée," in Luxemburg, which was founded March 28, 1803, and according to the latest statistics consists of seventy-one brethren, R. W. BRO. JULES GODCHAUX being their Master. No communications have reached us.

The National Grand Lodge of Spain, at Madrid.

Grand Master: BRO. MIGUEL MORAYTA, Professor of the University, Calle de Pozas 10.

Grand Secretary ad interim: BRO. ADOLFO DE NAGLIA Y GALLES, Pretit de los Consejos No. 5.

The Grand Lodge was organized July 4, 1888, being sovereign, according to the latest data obtainable, over ninety-five St. John's Lodges and twenty-five Chapters. The Orient at present is to be considered dormant owing to the political conditions and the predominant influence of the Catholic Church. Everything that appertains to the relations of the "Grand Oriente Nacional de España" with Foreign Grand Bodies is attended to by the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge "Alpina," BRO. JORGE G. GIBON, Calle de Postas 25 y 27.

The United Grand Orient of Lusitania, at Lisbon.

This Grand Orient is governed by a Supreme Council of fifteen members, having the following officers:

President: BRO. DR. BERNARDINO MACHADO.

Vice-President: BRO. EDUARDO AUGUSTO CRAVEIRO, General.

Grand Secretary and Address: BRO. SOLON, Rua do Gremio Lusitano, 35.

The Portuguese Grand Lodge was founded in 1805, reorganized January 31, 1859, and reconstructed as a United Grand Body in its present shape, by an amalgamation of the Grand Orient of Portugal, the Grand Orient of Lusitania, and the Supreme Council on October 30, 1869. It is not universally recognized as the highest Masonic authority of the country, and many prominent European Grand Bodies have declined to entertain direct relations for various reasons, especially as it appears that the Grand Orient has not always managed to steer clear of political controversies. Another "Gran Oriente de Portugal" is reported to be in existence since 1897, but we have been unable to verify this fact.

The Grand National Orient of the United States of Venezuela, at Caracas.

This Grand Lodge was established 1893, being sovereign over thirty-five subordinate Lodges.

Grand Master: BRO. MATOS, Secretary of the Treasury.

Another Masonic Grand Body exists under the title of "Gran Logia Sobernale Independiente de Venezuela," in Caracas, with the following Grand Officers:

Grand Master: BRO. SALVADOR T. MALDONADO.

Deputy Grand Master: BRO. PEDRO ELIAS RONJAS.

The Grand Orient of the Republic of Chili, at Valparaiso (Calle Victoria, 19).

Grand Master: BRO. ALEJO PALMA.

Deputy Grand Master: BRO. EDUARDO DE LA BARRA.

Grand Treasurer: BRO. EVARISTO SOUBLETTE.

Grand Secretary and Address: BRO. ANIBAL, Echeverria y Reyes, Casilla 17, Valparaiso, Chili.

The Grand Lodge was founded May 24, 1862, and controls at present ten Lodges, with a membership of 478 brethren. The jurisdiction is recognized by the Grand Lodges' Union of Germany, and exchanges representatives with many prominent Grand Bodies. We have not been favored with any reports.

The Grand Orient of Brazil, at Rio Janeiro (Rua do Lavradio, 83).

Grand Master: BRO. ANTONIO JOAQUIM DE MACEDO SOARES, Secretary of the Federal Supreme Court.

Deputy Grand Master: BRO. QUINTINO BOCAUYVA, Senator.

Grand Secretary and Address: BRO. DR. HENRIQUE VALLADARES, Colonel and Professor at the Military School, Rua do Lavradio, 81 Rio de Janeiro.

The present jurisdiction was created by the amalgamation of the Grand Orient of Brazil (Valle do Lavradio) and the United Grand Orient (Valledos Benedictines) on January 18, 1883. It consists of three Kadosch and eighty-five Rose Croix Chapters, and 111 St. John's Lodges.

This Brazilian Grand Lodge publishes a so-called "Anuario" (year book), which shows that the present Grand Master is the fourteenth in the line, and that since its formation the Grand Lodge has chartered a total of 722 subordinated Lodges, of which the greater portion cease to exist. According to this publication, the Grand Lodge dates its origin back to 1821, the year in which the first Brazilian Grand Lodge was founded. Another Brazilian Grand Lodge is known under the name of "Grand Orient of Rio Grande do Sul," in Porto Alegre (Brazil), which was founded in 1892, and controls forty-seven Lodges, five of which work in the German language.

Grand Master: BRO. ANTONIO ANTUNES RIBAS.

Grand Secretary: BRO. FREDERICO AUGUSTO GOMES DA SILVA.

Deputy Grand Master: BRO. DOMINGOS JOSÉ FERREIRA BASTOS.

The Grand Lodge of Tunis, at Tunis (Valle de la Megherda).

This Grand Lodge was established in 1881.

Grand Master: BRO. DR. GUSTAV DEMONS, Army Surgeon.

Deputy Grand Master: BRO. G. ROMBI.

Grand Secretary: BRO. EDUARDO NURRI.

The Gran Logia Nacional Independiente de la Republica Dominicana, in San Domingo.

Grand Master: BRO. JOSÉ J. POLL.

Grand Secretary: BRO. EDUARDO NURRI.

This Grand Lodge has become independent since the 24th of June, 1891, and is sovereign over fifteen St. John's Lodges. There exists also another "Grand Oriente Nacional de la Republica Dominicana" in San Domingo, which was established in 1866, and consists of eleven subordinate Lodges. The office of Grand Master is at present vacant, but BRO. MARTIN RODRIGUEZ SANTO TOMAS is reported as Grand Secretary.

No news has reached us from either Grand Body.

The Grand Orient National d'Hayti, in Port-au-Prince.

Grand Master: BRO. ELIAS PEREIRA.

Grand Secretary: AUGUSTE A. HÉRAUX.

Address: M. ARCHIN, former Assistant Secretary of State, Avocat, Port-au-Prince, Hayti.

This Grand Body was established January 24, 1824, and counts at present forty-nine Chapters and forty St. John's Lodges.

No word has reached us from the same.

The Grand Orient of Colombia, in Bogota.

Founded in 1872.

Grand Master: BRO. LEON ECHEVERRIA.

Deputy Grand Master: BRO. MANUEL ANCIZAR.

Grand Secretary: BRO. DAMASA ZAPATA.

The Grand Orient of Uruguay, at Montevideo.

Grand Master: BRO. DR. CARLOS DE CASTRO, Minister of Justice.

Deputy Grand Master: BRO. LOUIS LERENA.

Grand Secretary: BRO. JOSÉ DE LA HANTY, Calle de Queguay, 227.

Proxy: BRO. LINDOBO FORTEZA.

This Grand Body was founded in 1870, and has supreme jurisdiction over fifteen Chapters and thirty-three Lodges.

The Grand Orient of Paraguay, in Asuncion.

Grand Master: BRO. JOSÉ DECOUD.

This jurisdiction was formed in 1896, and numbers eight Lodges.

It seems that the Mayor in Asuncion does not favor Freemasonry, for on the anniversary of the Declaration of Independence he forbade the Masonic Lodges to participate in a historical processaion, that had been arranged as a part of the festivities. The Grand Lodge showed its disapproval by arranging a special parade, in which eight thousand persons joined—surely an appropriate protest against the ridiculous order of an ignorant civic authority.

STATISTICS.

The accompanying tables have been compiled from the proceedings reviewed, and not only present the numerical standing and work of the Craft in this and other countries in Correspondence, but also, in the "Comparison Table," present points of interest in each jurisdiction, and furnish the standard ratio of growth, per cent. of net increase, and rank of progress.

GENERAL TABLE.

GRAND LODGE.	DATE OF MEETING.	FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.	
		Chairman.	Address.
Alabama.....	Dec. 4, 1900	William Y. Titcomb ..	Anniston.
Arizona*.....	Nov. 14, 1899	Morris Goldwater.....	Prescott.
Arkansas*.....	Nov. 15, 1899	Frank Hill.....	Little Rock.
California.....	Oct. 9, 1900	William A. Davies.....	San Francisco.
Colorado.....	Sept. 18, 1900	Lawrence N. Greenleaf.	Denver.
Connecticut.....	Jan. 17, 1900	John H. Barlow.....	Hartford.
Delaware.....	Oct. 3, 1900	Lewis H. Jackson.....	Milford.
District of Columbia.....	Nov. 8, 1899	William R. Singleton.....	Wash'ton, D. C.
Florida.....	Jan. 16, 1900	James M. Hilliard.....	Jacksonville.
Georgia.....	Oct. 30, 1900	A. Q. Moody.....	Boston.
Idaho.....	Sept. 11, 1900	Fred. G. Mock.....	Nampa.
Illinois.....	Oct. 2, 1900	Joseph Robbins.....	Quincy.
Indiana.....	May 22, 1900	Thomas B. Long.....	Terre Haute.
Indian Territory.....	Aug. 14, 1900	Joseph S. Murrow.....	Atoka.
Iowa.....	June 5, 1900	J. C. W. Cox.....	Washington.
Kansas*.....	Feb. 21, 1900	John C. Postlethwaite.....	Jewell City.
Kentucky.....	Oct. 16, 1900	James W. Staton.....	Brooksville.
Louisiana.....	Feb. 12, 1900	Herman C. Duncan.....	Alexandria.
Maine.....	May 1, 1900	Josiah H. Drummond.....	Portland.
Maryland.....	Nov. 20, 1900	Edward T. Schultz.....	Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	Dec. 27, 1899		
Michigan.....	Jan. 23, 1900	Jefferson S. Conover.....	Coldwater.
Minnesota*.....	Jan. 17, 1900	Irving Todd.....	Hastings.
Mississippi.....	Feb. 21, 1900	Andrew H. Barkley.....	Crawford.
Missouri.....	Oct. 16, 1900	John D. Vincil.....	St. Louis.
Montana.....	Sept. 19, 1900	Cornelius Hedges.....	Helena.
Nebraska.....	June 6, 1900	Francis E. White.....	
Nevada.....	June 12, 1900	E. D. Vanderlieth.....	Carson City.
New Hampshire.....	May 16, 1900	Albert S. Wait.....	Newport.
New Jersey.....	Jan. 24, 1900	Charles Belcher.....	
New Mexico*.....	Oct. 3, 1899	Max Frost.....	Santa Fé.
New York.....	May 1, 1900	Jesse B. Anthony.....	Utica.
North Carolina.....	Jan. 9, 1900	John A. Collins.....	Enfield.
North Dakota.....	June 19, 1900	Frank J. Thompson.....	Fargo.
Ohio.....	Oct. 24, 1900	Wm. M. Cunningham.....	Newark.
Oklahoma.....	Feb. 13, 1900	James S. Hunt.....	Stillwater.
Oregon.....	June 13, 1900	John M. Hodson.....	Portland.
Pennsylvania.....	Dec. 27, 1899	Michael Arnold.....	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island.....	May 15, 1899	Henry W. Rugg.....	Providence.
South Carolina.....	Dec. 12, 1899	Charles Inglesby.....	Charleston.
South Dakota.....	June 12, 1900	Samuel A. Brown.....	Sioux Falls.
Tennessee.....	Jan. 31, 1900	Henry H. Ingersoll.....	Knoxville.
Texas.....	Dec. 4, 1900	Thos. M. Matthews, Sr.....	Athens.
Utah.....	Jan. 16, 1900	Christopher Diehl.....	Salt Lake City.
Vermont.....	June 13, 1900	Marsh O. Perkins.....	Windsor.
Virginia.....	Dec. 13, 1899	J. W. Eggleston.....	Richmond.
Washington.....	June 12, 1900	E. H. Van Patten.....	
West Virginia.....	Nov. 14, 1900	George W. Atkinson.....	Charleston.
Wisconsin.....	June 12, 1900	Aldro Jenks.....	Dodgeville.
Wyoming.....	Sept. 5, 1900	Wm. L. Kuykendall.....	Saratoga.
British Columbia.....	June 21, 1900	W. A. De Wolf Smith.....	New Westminster.
Canada.....	July 1, 1900	Henry Robertson.....	Collingwood.
Manitoba.....	June 13, 1900	Canon Matheson.....	
New Brunswick.....	Aug. 23, 1900	John V. Ellis.....	Providence.
Nova Scotia.....	June 13, 1900	T. B. Flint.....	
Prince Edward Island.....	June 25, 1900	Donald Darrach.....	
Quebec.....	Jan. 31, 1900	E. D. T. Chambers.....	Quebec City.
New South Wales.....		John B. Trivett.....	Sidney.

* Last year's report.

STATISTICS.

GRAND LODGE.	No. Subor- dinates.	Mem- ber- ship.	Raised	Affili- ated.	Restored.	Died.	Limit- ed.	Sus- pended N. P. of Dues.	Suspended and Expelled.	Net Gain.	Net Loss.
Alabama.....	386	12,110	802	503	335	283	512	447	31	367	..
Arizona.....	14	735	48	24	6	11	16	15	2	34	..
Arkansas*.....	448	13,305	640	319	142	254	470	480	41	.....	..
California.....	269	21,579	1,573	512	149	417	389	304	2	1,137	..
Colorado.....	98	8,392	490	308	41	113	178	123	7	418	..
Connecticut.....	109	17,446	718	89	50	214	66	173	7	214	..
Delaware.....	21	2,320	126	16	1	34	17	7	.....	85	..
D. of Col.....	25	5,579	351	94	55	107	57	75	.....	267	..
Florida.....	147	4,321	243	212	88	91	203	192	4	53	..
Georgia.....	433	19,332	1,188	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..
Idaho.....	29	1,300	87	75	13	23	31	9	1	111	..
Illinois.....	725	57,325	3,821	972	381	845	1,208	984	18	2,194	..
Indiana.....	496	32,122	2,052	675	229	522	662	483	65	1,221	..
Indian Terr'y.....	98	3,780	308	223	42	80	260	87	6	135	..
Iowa.....	500	29,328	1,767	608	291	387	861	538	27	847	..
Kansas.....	362	20,740	1,297	552	202	278	688	365	.....	756	..
Kentucky.....	469	19,870	1,670	580	441	342	723	714	15	1,080	..
Louisiana.....	137	5,962	416	165	54	131	150	147	19	128	..
Maine.....	195	22,277	764	116	78	400	182	279	.....	112	..
Maryland.....	103	8,283	467	58	23	104	99	75	8	262	..
Massachusetts.....	231	39,871	1,734	216	50	626	332	336	.....	715	..
Michigan.....	386	41,917	2,098	799	126	674	449	352	11	1,537	..
Minnesota*.....	210	16,401	918	433	57	187	443	289	2	82	..
Mississippi.....	280	9,725	629	293	181	255	373	240	14	220	..
Missouri.....	557	33,366	2,128	991	403	538	913	611	64	1,396	..
Montana.....	47	3,144	210	96	31	35	70	88	3	144	..
Nebraska.....	236	12,361	685	295	142	167	327	221	4	427	..
Nevada.....	20	858	57	26	7	15	24	16	.....	35	..
N. Hampshire.....	78	9,369	377	.....	12	182	65	12	1	129	..
New Jersey.....	169	17,386	1,025	200	103	330	196	383	4	415	..
New Mexico*.....	20	922	62	22	10	10	28	13	1	41	..
New York.....	748	101,548	6,585	938	1,034	1,629	1,253	2,285	22	3,368	..
N. Carolina.....	311	11,360	673	301	101	168	230	228	43	406	..
North Dakota.....	62	3,492	257	74	13	23	168	44	.....	323	..
Ohio.....	503	46,348	3,116	662	928	650	716	1,171	22	2,147	..
Oklahoma.....	48	2,140	194	138	13	28	89	49	4	275	..
Oregon.....	100	5,344	325	171	45	83	133	73	7	263	..
Pennsylvania.....	433	53,446	2,773	570	.....	851	334	772	.....	1,386	..
Rhode Island.....	37	5,220	205	27	6	96	12	73	.....	57	..
S. Carolina.....	185	6,056	360	334	.....	117	185	176	.....	216	..
South Dakota.....	95	4,677	304	135	19	41	182	95	1	139	..
Tennessee*.....	429	17,221	744	412	176	369	565	346	49	3	..
Texas.....	649	29,021	1,673	1,330	362	562	1,727	546	131	880	..
Utah.....	10	867	68	38	4	13	22	16	.....	60	..
Vermont.....	102	10,193	434	65	20	167	113	88	3	248	..
Virginia.....	275	13,276	622	276	162	218	423	292	8	119	..
Washington.....	104	5,399	405	289	109	91	146	109	5	450	..
West Virginia.....	119	6,990	543	119	63	80	108	77	16	491	..
Wisconsin.....	241	17,709	860	269	92	282	387	342	12	197	..
Wyoming.....	16	1,098	83	21	6	4	31	18	2	55	..
	11,765	832,831	48,977	15,581	6,903	13,127	16,821	14,808	682	25,645	..
B. Columbia.....	31	1,699	213	98	8	17	64	34	.....	204	..
Canada.....	304	25,922	1,586	398	228	252	568	536	5	851	..
Manitoba.....	66	3,091	221	141	17	21	122	28	1	221	..
N. Brunsw'k.....	34	1,817	95	14	13	30	25	35	.....	32	..
Nova Scotia.....	61	3,512	195	44	29	63	91	72	1	106	..
P. Edward Is.....	13	535	20	7	2	8	8	4	.....	9	..
Quebec.....	57	3,668	188	33	18	39	90	74	.....	96	..
	626	40,244	2,519	735	315	430	968	783	7	1,519	..
Total.....	12,391	873,075	51,496	16,316	7,218	13,557	17,789	15,591	689	27,164	..

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COMPARISON TABLE.

GRAND LODGE.	Numerical Standing.	Subordinate Lodges.			Percentage of New Work.	Percentage of Net Gain.	Ratio of New Work.
		Maximum.	Minimum.	Average.			
Alabama.....	24	173	7	81	.06.88	.03.12	18
Arizona*.....	50	110	26	53	.06.84	.04.84	17
Arkansas*.....	21	.....	.....	29	.04.68	.....	43
California.....	12	518	13	80	.07.69	.05.55	9
Colorado.....	20	538	18	85	.06.14	.05.24	29
Connecticut.....	17	800	35	160	.04.16	.01.24	47
Delaware.....	43	854	16	110	.05.64	.08.80	36
District of Columbia.....	34	601	48	223	.06.59	.06.00	23
Florida.....	39	130	9	29	.05.69	.01.24	37
Georgia.....	15	.....	.....	44	.06.14	.....	30
Idaho.....	45	155	16	45	.07.31	.09.33	10
Illinois.....	2	728	14	79	.06.98	.08.98	15
Indiana.....	8	879	17	64	.06.64	.08.95	22
Indian Territory.....	40	112	11	39	.08.49	.08.69	8
Iowa.....	9	871	18	59	.06.31	.03.98	27
Kansas*.....	13	309	8	57	.06.45	.03.76	25
Kentucky.....	14	614	8	43	.08.80	.05.74	2
Louisiana.....	33	151	12	43	.07.11	.02.19	11
Maine.....	11	340	27	114	.03.44	.00.50	50
Maryland.....	30	309	16	80	.05.82	.08.26	34
Massachusetts.....	6	533	18	173	.04.43	.01.83	44
Michigan.....	5	661	25	108	.05.19	.08.30	40
Minnesota*.....	20	796	15	79	.05.77	.....	85
Mississippi.....	27	.....	.....	35	.06.64	.02.35	21
Missouri.....	7	463	11	60	.06.66	.04.36	20
Montana.....	42	206	19	67	.07.00	.04.80	14
Nebraska.....	23	354	16	53	.05.74	.08.58	36
Nevada.....	49	148	9	42	.06.92	.04.25	16
New Hampshire.....	28	336	17	120	.04.08	.01.39	48
New Jersey.....	18	350	17	103	.06.04	.02.44	32
New Mexico*.....	47	136	15	46	.07.04	.04.44	13
New York.....	1	784	16	136	.06.50	.08.43	24
North Carolina.....	25	123	8	37	.06.14	.08.70	31
North Dakota.....	41	317	18	56	.08.17	.10.19	7
Ohio.....	4	627	13	92	.07.05	.04.85	12
Oklahoma.....	44	163	14	45	.10.25	.14.53	1
Oregon.....	36	204	14	53	.06.39	.05.17	26
Pennsylvania.....	3	530	20	123	.05.32	.02.66	39
Rhode Island.....	37	530	38	141	.03.97	.01.10	49
South Carolina.....	32	125	8	35	.06.16	.03.69	28
South Dakota.....	38	199	13	49	.06.70	.03.04	19
Tennessee*.....	19	275	10	40	.04.82	.....	46
Texas.....	10	.....	.....	45	.05.94	.08.13	33
Utah.....	48	195	24	87	.08.42	.07.43	4
Vermont.....	26	301	22	100	.04.36	.02.49	45
Virginia.....	22	380	7	49	.04.73	.00.90	42
Washington.....	35	308	9	52	.08.18	.09.09	6
West Virginia.....	31	190	16	59	.08.35	.07.55	5
Wisconsin.....	16	363	15	73	.04.90	.01.12	41
Wyoming.....	46	187	27	68	.07.95	.05.27	8
British Columbia.....	.....	192	19	55	.13.00	.12.44	.....
Canada.....	.....	355	14	71	.06.82	.03.39	.....
Manitoba.....	.....	196	7	47	.07.73	.07.77	.....
New Brunswick.....	.....	140	15	53	.05.32	.01.77	.....
Nova Scotia.....	141	15	58	.05.72	.03.11
Prince Edward Island.....	93	9	41	.03.81
Quebec.....	145	20	64	.05.26	.02.68

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STATISTICAL COMPARISON.

	1898	1899	1900	1901
Grand Lodges	57	57	57	57
Subordinate Lodges.	12,186	12,201	12,260	12,391
Raised	42,894	43,542	45,913	51,496
Affiliated	14,050	13,841	14,040	16,316
Restored	6,165	6,652	6,725	7,218
Died	12,193	12,542	13,262	13,557
Dimitted	16,391	16,889	16,824	17,789
Suspended for non-payment of dues.	19,177	19,122	17,089	15,591
Suspended and expelled	819	669	541	689
Membership.....	815,018	833,949	846,395	873,075

Based upon the tables we find, in the Grand Lodges of the United States, the following percentages :

	1898	1899	1900	1901
Accession by new work	5.26	5.59	5.44	6.06
Additions by affiliation and restoration.....	2.54	2.63	2.48	2.82
Losses by death.....	1.54	1.61	1.60	1.62
Losses for non-payment of dues	2.01	2.46	2.03	1.83
Losses by dimission	2.38	2.17	1.99	2.08
Net gain of the year.....	1.88	1.71	1.75	3.17

In numerical standing the most prominent rank in the following order :		The average of membership to each Lodge is greatest in the following :	
New York.....	101,548	District of Columbia.....	228
Illinois.....	57,325	Massachusetts.....	173
Pennsylvania.....	53,446	Connecticut.....	160
Ohio.....	46,348	Rhode Island.....	141
Michigan.....	41,917	New York.....	136
Massachusetts.....	39,871	Pennsylvania.....	123
Missouri.....	33,366	New Hampshire.....	120
Indiana.....	32,122	Maine.....	114
Iowa.....	29,328	Delaware.....	110
Texas.....	29,021	Michigan.....	108
Maine.....	22,277	New Jersey.....	108
California.....	21,579	Vermont.....	100
Kansas.....	20,740	Ohio.....	92
Kentucky.....	19,870	Utah.....	87

The jurisdictions having Lodges of the largest membership are in the following order:

GRAND LODGE.	SUBORDINATE LODGE.		Location.	Membership.
	Name.	No.		
Minnesota *	Minneapolis.....	19	Minneapolis.....	800
Connecticut.....	Hiram.....	1	New Haven.....	800
New York.....	Genesee Falls.....	507	Rochester.....	784
Illinois.....	Covenant.....	526	Chicago.....	728
Michigan.....	Zion.....	1	Detroit.....	661
Ohio.....	Magnolia.....	20	Columbus.....	627
Kentucky.....	Preston.....	281	Louisville.....	614
Washington, D. C.....	La Fayette.....	19	Washington, D. C.....	601
Colorado.....	Denver.....	5	Denver.....	538
Massachusetts.....	Roswell Lee.....	.....	Springfield.....	532
Pennsylvania.....	Washington.....	59	Philadelphia.....	530
Rhode Island.....	What Cheer.....	21	Providence.....	530
California.....	California.....	1	San Francisco.....	513

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Our present report comprehends a review of the proceedings of fifty-five Grand Lodges, the absentees being Arizona, Arkansas, Kansas, Minnesota, Tennessee, and New Mexico.

The translations of the proceedings of Grand Bodies of foreign languages have been prepared and are submitted as the work of W. E. EMIL FRENKEL.

With fraternal regards to all, this report is

Fraternally submitted,

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Georgia.....	14	Oklahoma.....	72
Idaho.....	17	Oregon.....	73
Illinois.....	18	Pennsylvania.....	75
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